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Annual Report

Town of

MEXICO

Maine



For the year ending December 31, 1972

Mexico Fire Alarm Signals

- | | | | |
|----|---|-----|---|
| 1 | Test by Engineer | 37 | Cor. Roxbury Rd. & Porter
Bridge Rd. |
| 2 | Struck once--Fire out | 38 | Cor. Roxbury Rd. & Stearns St. |
| 3 | Struck once--Chief's call | 41 | (3 times) All companies to
station |
| 3 | Struck three times--7 or 11
A.M. no school | 42 | Pine St. |
| 4 | Highland Terrace | 45 | Cor. Whitman & Cross St. |
| 5 | Dixfield Road | 46 | Cor. Fourth and Pine Sts. |
| 6 | Back Kingdom | 52 | Duntile St, Dixfield Rd. |
| 7 | three times--Boy Scouts | 53 | Leavitt St., Dixfield Rd. |
| 7 | Hale & Roxbury Road | 54 | (3 times) Hose 2 to station |
| 8 | Penley Hill (still alarm) | 62 | Back Kingdom |
| 12 | Struck 3 times--Police call | 71 | Hale, west side of river |
| 12 | Struck 4 times--C.D. | 72 | Poplar Hill Road |
| 14 | Struck 3 times--Hose 1 to
station | 73 | Mitchell's--Roxbury Rd. |
| 16 | Struck 3 times--Ladder 1
to station | 82 | Penley Hill |
| 23 | South Main Street | 112 | High School--Highland Terrace |
| 24 | Cor. South Main & Pearl St. | 121 | Abbott School--Granite St. |
| 25 | Cor. Main and Park St. | 122 | Junior High--Mitchell & Parker St. |
| 26 | Main St. near Goodwin House | 123 | Cor. Osgood, Mexico Aves & Gleason |
| 27 | Cor. Brook & Granite St. | 124 | Middle Ave. & Porter Bridge Rd. |
| 29 | (3 times) Hose 1 and Ladder
1 to station | 222 | (3 times) Forest Fire |
| 31 | Bridge St. opposite Dix Ave. | 321 | Roxbury Rd. & Mexico Ave. |
| 32 | Main St. opposite Fire Sta. | 322 | Harlow Hill Road |
| 34 | Cor. Main, Bridge, Roxbury Rd. | 323 | Fourth Street |
| 35 | Cor. Thompson & Cherry St. | | |
| 36 | Cor. Roxbury Rd. & Harlow Hill
Road | | |

The One Hundred Fifty-Fifth

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

of the

TOWN OF MEXICO

MAINE



For the year ending December 31, 1972

TWENTIETH ANNUAL REPORT
UNDER SELECTMEN-TOWN MANAGER GOVERNMENT
1970 POPULATION 4,309

Rumford Publishing Co.
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1973

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DEDICATION

THE 1972 ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
TOWN OF MEXICO
IS DEDICATED TO



Harry O. Virgin

WHO HAS SERVED THE TOWN OF MEXICO FROM

1925 to 1973

AS A SELECTMAN AND ASSESSOR

Mexico Town Officers

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Omer F. Bouthot, Chairman	1973
Francis J. Perry	1974
Robert J. Remeika	1975

TOWN MANAGER

David V. King +

TOWN CLERK - TREASURER

Calvin P. Lyons

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Anthony Lavorgna, Chairman	1973
Timothy Kelcourse	1974
Harry O. Virgin +	1975

TAX COLLECTOR-OFFICE STAFF

David V. King +
 Patricia Thomas, Secretary
 Janice Bradbury, Secretary*
 Thomas Carey, Planner*
 Doris Buotte, Social Worker*

POLICE DEPARTMENT

John J. Bernard, Jr., Chief
 Emile Carrier +
 Bertrum Averill
 William Buckingham*+
 Robert Young*
 Arthur B. Ouellette*
 Donald Kennedy*
 Craig Bryant

TRUSTEES - MEXICO WATER DISTRICT

Henry Thomas, Chairman	1973
Donald Gilbert	1974
Adolph Martin, Jr.	1975

TRUSTEES - MEXICO SEWER DISTRICT

Lawrence Sanders, Chairman	1975
Raymond Chabot, Treasurer	1974
Omer Vaillancourt	1973

MEXICO MEMBERS - RUMFORD-MEXICO

SEWER DISTRICT

Patrick DeFilipp	1973
Kenneth C. Brown	1974
Oscar Taylor	1975

FIRE DEPARTMENT

William W. Whytock, Chief
 Robert Elliott +
 Stanley Spaulding
 Donald Bradley

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Walter Dyer, Foreman
 Erland Tidswell
 Harry Raymond
 Kenneth Duguay
 Robert Lyons
 Robert McKenna*
 Alfred Woods*

BUILDING INSPECTOR

David V. King +

HEALTH OFFICER

Thomas Ellis

CIVIL DEFENSE DIRECTOR

David V. King +

PLUMBING INSPECTORS

Glenn Swan

Gilbert Fontaine

TOWN ELECTRICIAN

Ralph Butterfield

SEALER OF WEIGHTS &
MEASURES

Fred E. Theriault

BOARD OF VOTERREGISTRATION

Joyce Smith, Chairman

Virginia Stickney

Nelida Arsenault

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Walter Mann, Chairman 1975

Clayton Turner, V. Chairman 1977

Richard St. Cyr, Secretary 1976

Donald Cummings 1973

Vito DeFilipp 1973

Richard Vienneau + 1973

Roland Berry 1974

Timothy Kelcourse 1974

Guy Stickney 1974

James Chrissikos 1975

Harry Myles 1975

Edward Bisson 1976

Ernest Hunt 1976

Thomas Beedy 1977

Lanson Hammond 1977

ANDROSCOGGIN VALLEY REGIONAL
PLANNING COMMISSION DELEGATES

Francis J. Perry, Delegate

Lawrence Sanders, Alternate

ATHLETIC FIELD COMMITTEE

William Gaudet 1975

Alexander Miller 1973

Elwin Brown 1974

CONSTABLES

Walston Barrett, Jr.

James Montgomery

Maurice Cray

Joseph Dubois

William Harlow

William Buckingham

CONSTABLES-SCHOOLS

Roland Berry

Cecil Jones

Joseph Albert

PLANNING BOARD

Thomas Carey, Chairman* 1973

Celand Weeks 1973

Edward Bisson 1974

William Morgan 1974

Gladys Tucker 1975

Lawrence Sanders 1976

Donald Cummings, Alt. 1977

Francis Perry, Alt. 1977

Ralph Robbins, Alt. 1977

CONSTABLES UNION MEETING

William Whytock

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Gladys Tucker
 Alberta Lever
 Muriel Downs
 Geraldine Horne
 Beverly Murphy
 June Bowden
 Omer F. Bouthot (ex-officio)

DIRECTORS -- S.A.D. 43

Charles Aleck	1973
Jessie Parr	1973
Kenneth R. Brown	1974
Robert DeRoehn	1974
R. Douglas Hutchinson	1975
Leonard Lindberg	1975

CONSTABLE-FIRE DEPARTMENT

Donald Bradley
 Perley Buckingham
 Thomas Phillips
 Stanley Spaulding
 Maurice Thibodeau
 Robert Elliott +

*Denotes Town Employees under the
 Emergency Employment Act provisions.

+Denotes resigned before Feb. 1, 1973.

BALLOT CLERKS

Margaret Aleck
 Wilma Belanger
 Marie Bernard
 Evangeline Bouthot
 Esther Brock
 Jeannette Brown
 Leona Brown
 Doris Buotte
 Rita Buotte
 Julie Burns
 Geraldine Dawson
 Pauline Dawson
 Harriett Estes
 Germaine Fontaine
 Ruth Fournier
 Kathleen Gilbert
 Jean Kenny
 Merna Kimball
 Yvone McHale
 Elaine Mitchell
 Nancy Palmer
 Gladys Tucker
 Muriel Venskus
 Eleanor Williams
 Elizabeth Yanush



Mexico High School

Letter of Transmittal

To the Citizens of the Town of Mexico:

We herewith present to you our Annual Report for the year ending December 13, 1972, and express to you our pleasure in serving you for the past year. During the calendar year 1972, the Board has held 41 Regular and Special meetings; this does not include the many hours spent in investigating various citizen questions and complaints, nor does it include time spent attending various meetings and other responsibilities of the Board members.

This past year has seen a number of specific gains for the Town of Mexico, including road projects rebuilding Granite Street, widening the Bridge at Poplar Hill, and applying hot top to Brown Street and Middle Avenue. Also the Special Town Meeting in November authorized the Town's participation in re-construction of the Hale Bridge, and the Board has worked with the State Department of Transportation in implementing the project, which should result in a new bridge by the end of this year.

As you will note from the other reports contained in the following pages, all departments under the jurisdiction of the Board have performed admirably this past year. We would like to give our thanks to all town employees for their cooperation with this Board, and their service to the citizens. We would commend the Chief and members of the Police Department for their interest in furthering their education, as we know this will benefit both the men and the Town of Mexico.

The Board would also note that considerable use has been made of municipal facilities for public meetings, with almost full use being made of the meeting rooms a large part of the time. We would point out that municipal facilities are for the use of all citizens, and increased use speaks well of citizens' interest in the various public organizations in town.

At this time, this Board would also like to thank David King for serving as Town Manager, and wish him well in his vocation.

Finally, the Board presents, at the end of this Report, its recommendations for the 1973 budget. We have put forward these plans for the benefit of the Town, and hope that as the elected representatives of the people, we have been able to interpret the wishes and desires of the citizens we serve.

Omer F. Bouthot, Chairman
Francis J. Perry
Robert J. Remeika
Mexico Board of Selectmen



O.F. Bouthot

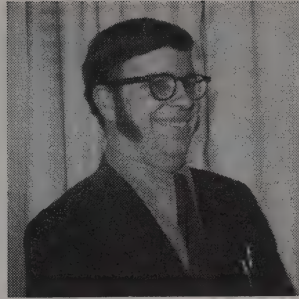


F.J. Perry



R.J. Remeika

Report of Town Manager



The year 1972 has seen a number of major strides forward by the Town of Mexico. Perhaps the most important of these is the advent of a concept for municipal assistance by both Federal and State levels of government, which has borne fruit for the Town to the extent of some seventy thousand dollars during calendar 1972. Both instances have been the result of increasing notice by lawmakers of the burdens being placed on local property owners for the support of those services most directly effecting taxpayers. It is at times difficult for the average taxpayer to see where his Federal and State taxes are being spent; however he can see, in education, roads, and protection, exactly where his local tax dollar is being spent.

Another benefit from Federal assistance is the Emergency Employment Act, which has been functioning throughout 1972. The Town has had the services of a number of people it would not ordinarily be able to afford, with the most notable in Social Work, Planning, and Law Enforcement. Although there are reports for these areas elsewhere in this publication, may I say here that the Town has gained immeasurably from the work of Doris Buotte, Tom Carey, and other PEP participants; I only mention these two individuals because they have filled positions never before established by the Town. The result of Tom's planning is part of the Warrant for the Annual Meeting, most notably the Zoning proposal. He has also been responsible for the proposed airport industrial park progress to date. Mrs. Buotte, who replaced Suzanne Theriault this past summer, has been active both in handling welfare clients and in providing assistance to the elderly.

In terms of finances, although the Town has not received quite so large a proportion of current year taxes, taxes receivable from last year represents a considerable improvement over past years. Due to infusions of other money, we ended 1972 with a healthy cash reserve, and as the auditor's report indicates, will be able to increase the Surplus Account considerably, as compared with amounts withdrawn. Considerable effort has been made by both the Manager and the Treasurer to dispose of Town Owned Property and to reduce Tax Lien indebtedness. With investment of daily tax receipts, the town has been able to realize several hundred dollars of added revenue. The Police Department and Fire Department have performed well this past year, and we expect to see our new Fire Truck in the garage shortly. A survey of the town by the rating service will, we expect, result in a better classification for the town, with a resulting fire insurance rate reduction. We were fortunate in having the services of a police intern this past summer, Douglas White, who re-organized our police files. Civil Defense has been re-established, with plans for greater expansion in 1973.

The Highway Department has been exceptionally busy during all of 1972, starting with the severe weather of last winter, continuing with one of the most ambitious summer programs in recent years, and finishing with a December of almost continual snowfall. Certainly the severity of the winter seasons can be borne out by the expenditure of almost thirty per cent over the budgeted funds. However, if the citizens desire roads of summer quality during the winter, it is necessary to expend appropriate amounts of money. The Department has also performed work on a number of projects along with the normal maintenance program.

Respectfully submitted,

David V. King, Town Manager



Mexico Flats



Municipal Complex



A. Lavorgna, H. Virgin, T. Kelcourse

Report of Assessors

VALUATION

Real Estate, Resident	\$6,721,400.00	
Real Estate, Non-Resident	<u>1,011,850.00</u>	
		\$7,733,250.00
Personal Estate, Resident	352,700.00	
Personal Estate, Non-Resident	<u>267,450.00</u>	
		<u>620,150.00</u>
TOTAL VALUATION		<u>\$8,353,400.00</u>

STATISTICS OF PERSONAL PROPERTY ASSESSMENTS

Stock in Trade	285,600.00
Industrial Stock	28,000.00
Machinery and Equipment	253,600.00
Watercraft	43,650.00
Other	9,300.00

EXEMPT PROPERTY

Municipal Property (Including schools of S.A.D.)	\$1,674,700.00
Municipal Property not used for Municipal Purposes	40,200.00
Property of Veterans	245,250.00
Other Exempt Property	194,100.00
Poll tax Exemptions:	
Veterans	52
Over 69	105
Others	36
	<u>156.00</u>
	<u>315.00</u>
	<u>108.00</u>
TOTAL EXEMPT PROPERTY	<u>\$2,154,829.00</u>

AMOUNTS RAISED AND APPROPRIATEDSPECIAL ASSESSMENTS

S.A.D. # 43	\$250,625.49
Oxford County Tax	8,772.00
Overlay	7,824.67

\$ 267,222.16

APPROPRIATED

General Government	13,210.00
Town Officers' Salaries	19,561.00
Finance and Audit	735.00
Town Office Maintenance	3,430.00
Elections	815.00
Town Reports	925.00
Fire Department	29,000.00
Police Department	32,086.00
Civil Defense	250.00
Street Lights	11,500.00
Hydrant Rental	18,320.00
Health Officer	250.00
Health Dep't Supplies	500.00
Andro. Home Health Service	1,300.00
Oxford County Mental Health	3,000.00
Waste Collection	12,875.00
Town Welfare	15,000.00
Donated Commodities	1,800.00
Solid Waste Operation	6,200.00
Solid Waste Note	2,000.00
Solid Waste Note Interest	100.00
State Aid Roads	4,536.56
Sidewalks	1,000.00
Paving	5,000.00
Granite Street Reconstruction	5,000.00
Tree Removal	1,000.00
Summer Roads	20,700.00
Winter Roads	49,000.00
Highway Garage Maintenance	1,436.00

Skating Rink	1,200.00	
Swimming Program	500.00	
Parks	300.00	
Cemeteries	300.00	
Maine Municipal Assoc.	318.50	
Social Security	4,500.00	
Pension	1,380.00	
Maine Retirement System	4,000.00	
Contingent	700.00	
Chamber of Commerce	200.00	
Rumford Community Hospital	2,500.00	
Athletic Field	1,500.00	
Planning Board	500.00	
Insurance	9,800.00	
Interest on Tax Loans	2,000.00	
And. Valley Reg. Planning Comm.	510.00	
Library	6,500.00	
Dubois Ambulance Service (including action taken at Special Town Meeting of 4/24/72)	2,500.00	
Third Street Wall	1,500.00	
Poplar Hill Road Bridge	3,000.00	
Spring Cleanup	500.00	
Traffic Light Fund	3,000.00	
Radio Tower	500.00	
Extension of Garbage Pick-Up	500.00	
		308,738.06
		<hr/>
TOTAL APPROPRIATED AND ASSESSED		\$575,960.22
		<hr/>
<u>FROM SURPLUS</u>		
Oxford County Mental Health	3,000.00	
Paving	5,000.00	
Winter Roads	7,000.00	
Interest on Tax Loans	2,000.00	
Traffic Light Fund	3,000.00	
		<hr/>
TOTAL FROM SURPLUS	20,000.00	

FROM ANTICIPATED REVENUE

General Government	5,000.00
Town Officers' Salaries	5,000.00
Police Department	300.00
Summer Roads (from State Revenue Sharing)	20,000.00
	<hr/> 30,300.00

FROM OTHER SOURCES

Winter Roads (from Excise Taxes)	42,000.00
Remainder of State Revenue Sharing	13,058.82
	<hr/> 55,058.82

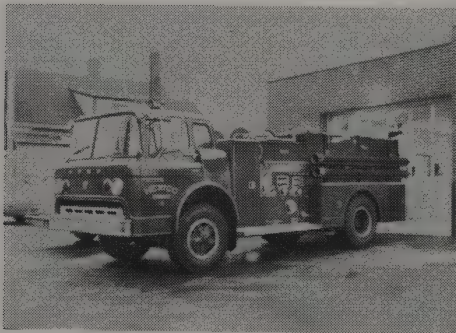
TOTAL FROM NON-TAXATION SOURCES

105,358.82

TOTAL TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION

\$470,601.40

TAX RATE = \$56.00 per THOUSAND DOLLARS VALUATION



Mexico's new Engine # 4

Report of Town Clerk

To the citizens of the Town of Mexico:

I hereby submit my report for the year 1972.

The following is a comparative report of vital statistics for 1968, 1969, 1970, 1971, and 1972:

	1972	1971	1970	1969	1968
Births	37	55	46	37	65
Marriages	64	73	78	71	66
Deaths	50	39	54	55	35

The sales of Hunting and Fishing and Dog Licenses for 1968, 1969, 1970, 1971, and 1972:

	1972	1971	1970	1969	1968
Hunting	356	389	490	462	511
Junior Hunting	97	101	128	131	135
Fishing	484	557	507	536	605
Servicemens Combination	19	27	19	-	-
Combinations	262	267	279	248	274
Dog Licenses	293	325	352	344	394
Kennel License	1	1	1	0	0

Town Meetings and Elections for 1972 were as follows:

Annual Town Meeting -- March 13, 1972
 Special Town Meeting -- April 25, 1972
 Special and Primary Election -- June 19, 1972
 General Election -- November 7, 1972
 Special Town Meeting -- November 27, 1972

Respectfully submitted,

Calvin P. Lyons, Town Clerk



Report of Treasurer

Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements

Cash Balance- December 31, 1971		19,863.55
Tax Collections	426,317.56	
Excise Tax Collections	<u>51,047.84</u>	
Total Taxes Receivable	477,355.40	
Total Tax Lien Collections	21,622.35	
Other Receipts		
Tax Anticipation Loans	120,000.00	
Accounts Receivable	8,545.75	
Payroll Taxes & Retirement	29,454.22	
Equipment Account	41,358.61	
Departmental Accounts	131,210.82	
Tax Acquired Property	2,447.92	
Federal Revenue Sharing	39,561.00	
State Revenue Sharing	18,390.67	
Fire Truck Investment	18,708.17	
Total Cash Receipts		<u>908,654.91</u>
Total Available		928,518.46
Less Paid by Warrant		855,481.12
Less outdated check		<u>45.00</u>
Balance December 31, 1972		72,992.34 *

***Protected Accounts:**

Federal Revenue Sharing	\$39,561.00
Fire Truck Investment	19,708.17
	<u>\$59,269.17</u>

Respectfully submitted,
Calvin P. Lyons, Treasurer

Report of Tax Collector

1972 Taxes
Year Ended 12-31-72

1972 Commitment	\$470,601.40	
Supplementals	<u>563.82</u>	471,165.22
Cash Receipts	424,815.83	
Abatements	1,519.10	
Discounts	<u>977.03</u>	
Taxes Receivable 12-31-72		<u>427,311.96</u> \$ 43,853.26

PRIOR YEARS

	Total	1971	1970	1969
Balance 12-31-71	53204.79	49529.69	2457.90	1217.20
Additions:				
Supplement Taxes	<u>243.85</u>	<u>243.85</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
	53448.64	49773.54	2457.90	1217.20
Deductions:				
Cash Collections	28498.99	27175.56	756.63	566.80
Abatements	654.80	361.00	33.00	260.80
Tax Liens	<u>21519.23</u>	<u>21519.23</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total Deductions	50673.02	49055.79	789.63	827.60
Balance 12-31-72	2775.62	717.75	1668.27	389.60



P. Thomas, J. Bradbury

Respectfully submitted,
David V. King,
Tax Collector

1972 Taxes Receivable

Akers, Walter	3.00	Bousquet, Irene	607.60
Allen, Frances	495.60	Briggs, Freeman J.	3.00
Allen, Frances	277.20	Briggs, Freeman, Sr.	3.00
**Allen, Robert	3.00	Brown, Durwood & Sally	198.80
Ames, Charles, Jr.	576.80	Brown, Vernon	129.00
**Arsenault, Albert J.	5.88	Buck, Robert	3.00
Arsenault, Andrew & Elizabeth	199.00	Buckingham, Frederick	3.00
Arsenault, Archie	3.00	Buckingham, Perley & Alda	344.40
Arsenault, Heirs of Bessie	106.40	Burgess, David & Marlene	316.60
*Arsenault, Edgar & Albertine	313.20	Burnham, Everett	3.00
Arsenault, Leo	3.00	Byron, Richard & Marsha	411.80
*Arsenault, Leo Paul	134.60	Broomhall, Robert	3.00
*Arsenault, Raymond & Jean	451.00		
Arsenault, Raymond	123.40	Carey, Mark	3.00
**Arsenault, Reginald	3.00	Carrier, Jacques	140.00
Arsenault, Rene J. (Alcide Daigle)		Carrier, Richard	129.00
	39.20	*Casey, Alfred & Barbara	238.20
Austin, Allen	308.00	Chabot, Raymond & Laurette	25.40
		Chartier, Roland & Pauline	146.43
Bailey, Willard	3.00	Chambers, Timothy	3.00
**Bartlett, Bernice	93.60	Chapman, John	3.00
Bauer, Maurice & Elsie	280.20	*Cormier, John B.	3.00
Belanger, Edward	3.00	**Crawford, Victor & Theresa	166.86
Belanger, Leo & Claire	152.00	Crego, James F.	137.00
Belanger, Randall	3.00		
Bernard, Thomas C.	3.00	Daigle, Alcide & Lillian	341.60
Blaisdell, Mary	148.40	Daigle, Edward F.	154.20
Blaisdell, Priscilla	190.40	*Daigle, Joseph & Beatrice	116.60
Blaisdell, Virgil	3.00	Daigle, Devises of Lessor	207.20
Blanchard, Nora	403.20	Daigle, Maurice & Patricia	81.40
Bordeau, Mary	47.60	Daigle, Peter	3.00
**Bordeau, Arthur & Mary	442.40	Daniels, Eugene	131.80
Bordeau, Valerie	199.60	Davis, E. Clayton	243.80
Boudreau, Raymond	3.00	Dayon, Wilfred	3.00

**DeFilipp, Domonic & Fannie	82.01	Gaudin, Peter	3.00
Delepine, Roger & Martha	91.40	**Gaudin, William & Eleanor	33.80
Deraspe, Eugene F.	3.27	Gellately, Oriel	274.40
DeRoehn, Lucy & Herbert & Rosalie Kennerson	235.20	Gilbert, Harold & Kathleen	414.60
**Desjardins, Peter	3.00	Gilbert, Harold & Kathleen	207.20
Dorr, Howard & Dorothy	212.61	Goff, Alice	17.20
**Dorr, John	3.00	Goguen, Albert & Louise	3.00
Doughty, Lorenda	302.40	Goguen, Nery & Nora	103.00
Dubois, Richard & Marjorie	260.40	Gould, Alice	100.80
*Duguay, John A.	204.60	Haines, Richard	3.00
Duguay, Louis	3.00	**Hamner, William	3.00
*Duguay, Perley & Arlene	235.09	**Hargreaves, John	3.00
Dumont, John	215.60	Harkness, Wayne	25.40
Dunham, Fred E.	224.00	Harlow, Robert & Marjorie	456.40
DuPaul, Burton	162.40	*Heath, Idella	520.80
Durland, Melvin	201.80	Hebert, Alfred & Judith	25.20
Dyment, Kenneth	3.00	Hodgkins, Gilbert	3.00
Eastman, Robert	3.00	*Holbrook, George & Elizabeth	219.60
Ellis, John & Joyce	182.20	**Holmquist, Bert	96.30
Ferland, Anita & August Morin	182.00	Holmquist, Clifford & Georgette	311.00
Ferland, Arthur & Janet	305.20	Horne, Richard & Geraldine	383.60
*Flaherty, Leah	94.10	Hebert, Donald	3.00
Gagnon, Jean Paul	3.00	Henry, Heirs of Arthur	240.80
Galarneau, Leonard	3.00	Henry, Donald L.	137.40
Galarneau, William	159.60	Henry, Eugene	151.20
**Gallant, David	3.00	Henry, Eugene	33.60
Gallant, Gerard J.	3.00	Henry, Lawrence	3.00
Gallant, Joseph	269.00	Hickey, Lilly	352.80
Gallant, Reginald d/b/a	33.80	Howard, Herbert	257.80
Gardner, Robert & Rose	3.00	Hutchinson, Douglas & Sara Pearl	336.20
Gardner, Robert M.	3.00	**Hosie, Herbert	3.00
Gaudet, Francis	3.00	Jalbert, Benjamin	3.00
		Jamison, Charles	25.20

Jamison, Bertrum	3.00	McDonald, Theodore & Rebecca	316.40
Jamison, Richard & Darlene	187.80	McKenna, Harry	3.00
Jones, Cecil & Doris	316.60	McPherson, Gerald & Virginia	292.31
Jones, Doris E.	14.14	Mexico Flying Club	39.20
		*Millett, Harold & Julie	236.40
Knapp, Kathleen	11.20	Moore, Robert & Mila	64.00
Knapp, Leslie	22.40	Moore, Robert	3.00
		Morin, Edgar	3.00
Lambert, Earl	3.00	**Morin, Gus	3.00
LaPointe, Lawrence	3.00	Morrisette, Woodrow	3.00
LeBlanc, Heirs of Gerald	112.00	**Myles, Matthew Jr.	3.00
LeBlanc, Richard	3.00		
LeFebvre, Julian	159.80	**O'Leary, Donald R.	19.80
Leighton, Robert	3.00	Ouellette, Arthur & Beryle	593.60
Leighton, Timothy	3.00	*Ouellette, Arthur & Dianna	80.60
L'Heureux, Muriel	70.00		
Libby, Carroll & Thelma	204.60	Palmer, Stanley & Leah	232.60
Libby, Charles A. Jr.	100.80	Parent, Lionel	3.00
Libby, Laforest	3.00	Parker, Delma	98.00
L'Italien, David & Suzanne	353.00	Patenaude, Rolande	5.60
L'Italien, Catherine	30.80	Patenaude, Rolande & Joyce	193.20
Lloyd's Lumber Co.	812.00	Paul, Edmond	3.00
Lyons, Robert & Bernadette	296.80	Perry, Timothy	3.00
		Philbrick, Carlene	179.20
MacDonald, Franklyn	3.00	Philbrick, Charles & Harlan	308.20
Magoon, Timothy	3.00	Philbrick, Charles	56.00
Mann, Kent	5.60	**Philbrick, Colen	3.00
Mann, Michael	3.00	Philbrick, Joseph	3.00
Manzer, Arthur	25.20	Philbrick, Joseph	50.40
Marston, Alfred & Faylene	19.80	Powell, Wilbur & Pearl	109.20
Marston, Harry & Mary	232.40	Provencher, Edward	19.80
Marston, Steven	3.00	Provencher, Leroy	3.00
Marston, Wallace & Rita	249.20	Provencher, Roland	381.00
Marston, Walter Sr.	44.80	Pelletier, Lillian	711.20
Martin, Rudolph & Eleanor	372.40		
*McCaffrey, John	180.20	Quimby, Charles, Sr.	258.22
McDonald, Daniel	3.00		

Reed, Dwight & Natalie	316.60	**Tanguay, Theodore	286.40
Rich, Carlton	3.00	Thereau, Richard	11.40
Richard, Albert	3.00	Thibodeau, Heirs of Joseph Sr.	112.00
Richard, Harry	3.00	Thibeau, Joseph	3.00
Richard, Victor	3.00	Thibodeau, Armand	3.00
Richards, Heirs of F.Allen	5.60	Thurlow, Walter & Dora	260.40
*Richards, Evelyn	92.40	Tonolini, James & Lorette	159.60
Richardson, Lester & Gloria	119.75	Townsend, Louis	3.00
**Robichaud, Norman	3.00	Tozier, David & Jean	313.60
Ronan, Joan	73.60	Treadwell, Harvey	171.00
Ross, James	232.40	Turbide, Elaine	512.40
Roy, Albert	3.00		
Roy, Raymond & Elaine	108.00	Vallee, Lawrence	30.80
Roy, Raymond & Elaine	459.20	Varnum, Leroy	3.00
Roy, Raymond & Elaine	271.23	**Vienneau, Larry P.	3.00
Roy, Raymond	590.80	Virgin, Heirs of A.D.	228.49
		**Virgin, Stanwood & Geraldine	36.60
Sargent, Stanley	170.80	Virgin, Stanwood	176.40
Shatney, Octavia & Mabel White	8.40		
Shaw, John	3.00	Wade, Orville	3.00
Sicard, Norman	3.00	Ward, Ardene	112.00
*Sinclair, Bruce	294.20	Walsh, Peter	3.00
Sinclair, Rexford & Patricia	431.40	Wardwell, Clyde & Florence	956.90
Smith, Alfred & Joyce	3.00	Wardwell, Clyde	5.60
Smith, Donald	68.54	Wardwell, Clyde & Florence	389.60
Smith, Harry	3.00	Wardwell, Clyde & Florence	543.20
Smith, Harry L. & Margaret	182.20	Wardwell, Clyde	56.00
Snell, Maurice	3.00	Wardwell, Clyde & Donald	8.40
**Snowman, Larry	3.00	*Watson, John & Rose Marie	18.80
Spaulding, Basil	257.80	Waugh, Wilfred	240.80
Spaulding, Basil & Leona	16.80	Weeks, Clayton & Rachael	291.40
Stanley, Lancelot Jr.	3.00	Welch, John	218.40
St. Cyr, Richard & Donna	125.47	**Wentzell, Gary	3.00
Stearns, George	3.00	Weston, David	3.00
Surette, Dean	3.00	**Weston, James	3.00

Weston, Robert	151.00	Williams, James D. & Marsha	25.40
White, Ernest M. Jr.	453.60	Wing, Vesta	336.00
*White, I. Fulton & Anna	137.40	Witas, Heirs of Adam	170.80
White, Issac Fulton & Anna Mabel	67.20	Witas, Joann	196.00
White, Leonard & Faye	69.00	Woods, Joyce McDonald	296.80
White, Richard	5.60	*Wotton, Frank	232.60
White, Robert & Leona	109.40	**Wyman, Jeffrey	3.00
Williams, Homer & Eleanor	249.40		
		Zinck, John A.	28.00

1972 SUPPLEMENTAL TAXES

Chambers, Timothy	268.80
Ralston Purina Co.	196.00

NON-RESIDENT

Bedard, Francis & Bernard	392.00	Howard, Charles	196.00
Beers, David & Shirley	968.80	Knight, Randall	56.00
**Bernard, Roland & Theresa	504.00	**Laverdiere's Super Value Store	17.86
Bolduc, Peter J.	156.80	Nokes, E. Theodore Jr.	1,652.00
Bolduc, Peter & Nancy	912.80	Parent, Robert & Gale	364.00
Bolduc, Peter & Nancy	38.20	Storer, Timothy	126.00
Bradford, Daniel E.	14.00	**Swett, Doris	28.00
Brown, Alonzo & Frances	33.60	**Taylor, William	78.40
Brann, Isadore	109.20	U-Haul Trailers	56.00
Errington, Ronald	11.20	**Vendig, Bonnie	193.20

**Paid in full

*Partial Payment as of Jan. 31, 1973

Prior Years Taxes Receivable

	Total	1971	1970	1969
Bolduc, Carmel	3.00	3.00		
Broomhall, Robert	9.40			9.40
Burnham, Everett	5.40			5.40
Crawford, Thomas	5.90	5.90		
Daigle, Maurice & Patricia	36.00		36.00	
Gallant, Reginald d/b/a	69.80	23.60	46.20	
Gallant, Reginald	53.15	14.75		38.40
Gilbert, Harold & Kathleen	14.75	14.75		
Henry, Lawrence	3.00	3.00		
Howard, Bernard	9.40			9.40
Howard, Charles	278.67		278.67	
Kerr, William	6.40			6.40
Knox, Eugene	9.40			9.40
Lloyd's Lumber	1356.50	501.50	561.00	294.00
Morrisette, Woodrow	19.00		19.00	
Noakes, Theodore	607.20		607.20	
Parker, Donald	4.40			4.40
Richard, Albert	3.00	3.00		
Richard, Eli	.60	.60		
Roy, Raymond	107.00		107.00	
Storer, Timothy	126.85	126.85		
Surette, Dean	3.00	3.00		
Thibodeau, Armond	3.00	3.00		
Volkenick, John	6.40			6.40
Wardwell, Clyde	25.00	11.80	13.20	
Weston, David	3.00	3.00		
Weston, James	6.40			6.40
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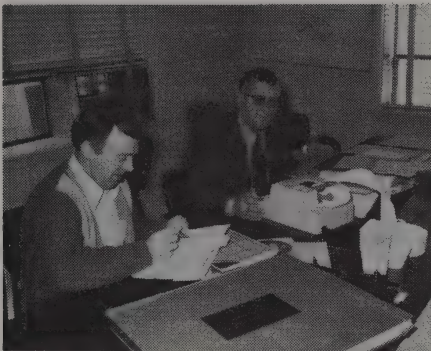
Tax Liens

	Year Ending December 31, 1972			
	1971	1970	1969 & prior	Total
Akers, Walter			359.78	359.78
Austin, Allen	324.50	363.00		687.50
Brown, Vernon	126.85	111.41		238.26
Buckingham, Charles		217.68		217.68
Gellatley, Oriel	189.10	155.65		344.75
Powers, Phillip		97.30		97.30
Roy, Raymond		696.30	81.71	778.01
Arsenault, Bessy, Hiers of	112.10			112.10
Allen, Frances	425.90			425.90
Bailey, Roland	132.75			132.75
Blaisdell, Mary	136.35			136.35
Buckingham, Perley & Alda	362.85			362.85
Daigle, Dev. of Lessor	218.30			218.30
Davis, Clayton	125.68			125.68
Durland, Melvin	174.05			174.05
Ellis, John C.	188.80			188.80
Gilbert, Harold & Kathaleen	203.55			203.55
Gould, Alice	56.20			56.20
Henry, Clarence & Louella	72.60			72.60
Hutchinson, R. Douglas & Sara	351.05			351.05
Jamison, Richard & Darlene	194.70			194.70
Knapp, Kathleen	11.80			11.80
Knapp, Leslie	23.60			23.60
Manzer, Arthur	26.55			26.55
Marston, Wallace & Rita	80.10			80.10
Marston, Walter Sr.	47.20			47.20
McCommeric, Leroy	233.05			233.05
McDonald, Theodore & Rebecca	326.35			326.35
Ouellette, Arthur & Deryl	625.40			625.40
Patenaude, Roland & Joyce	203.55			203.55
Pelletier, Lillian	423.16			423.16
Richards, Hiers of F. Allen	5.90			5.90
Roy, Raymond	622.45			622.45
Shatney, Octavia & Mabel White	41.30			41.30
Thibodeau, Hiers of Joseph Sr.	88.00			88.00
Thurlow, Walter & Dora	274.35			274.35
Treadwell, Harvey	70.80			70.80
Wardwell, Clyde & Florence	268.15			268.15
Wardwell, "	227.41			227.41
Wardwell, "	5.90			5.90
Wardwell, Clyde & Donald	8.85			8.85
Waugh, Wilfred	30.10			30.10
Welch, John	70.80			70.80
Welch, John	138.65			138.65
Welch, Richard & Clara	94.40			94.40
White, Robert & Leona	112.10			112.10
Woods, Hubert & Joyce	312.70			312.70

Non-Resident

Bedard, Francis & Bernard	413.00	413.00
Brown, Alonzo & Frances	35.40	35.40
Casco Bank & Trust Co.	141.60	141.60
Nokes, E. Theodore Jr.	1079.70	1079.70
Parent, Robert & Gail	383.50	383.50

9821.15	1641.34	441.49	\$11903.98
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C. Lyons, H. Jordan, Auditor

Town Owned Property

Amount	Name	
17.32	Abbott, F. Q.	East ½ lot 144 & 145 Mexico Village Addition
665.39	Auger, Clementine	Building & Land Map U-8 Parcel 46
181.35	Bradley, Donald & Murphy	House & Land Tax Map U-17 Parcel 102
1322.89	Conrad, Charles	Building & Land Map U-8 Parcels 44 & 45
19.74	Coolidge, Aril	Adjacent to lot 334 Mexico Village Addition
132.29	Doyen, Bert	Land, Tax Map U-19 Lot 52A
31.77	Eastman, W. D.	Meadow lot formerly owned by W. D. Willoughby
215.61	Fleury, Anesime	Lot 454 Oxford Park
104.75	Goodwin, B. W.	West ½ lot 963 & 970 Richard Purchase
449.01	Ionta, Martin	Land bounded (n) F. A. Richards (e) River Road (w) Androscoggin River (s) Martin Ionta
448.50	Juskewich, Anthony	Building & Land Map R-6 Parcel 23
1055.42	Libby, Iza	Building & Land Tax Map U-8 Parcel 21
770.75	Libby, Edward	Building & Land Map U-11 Parcel 15
32.62	Linnell, Ruleigh	Land bounded (n) Standford Carver (e) R. A. Richards (s) Richards Avenue (w) Route # 2
5.00	Packard, S. D.	Lot 331 Village Addition Mexico
38.34	Pacquett, Paul	Timberland bounded (w) W. F. Chase (e) Austin Farm (w) Chase Place (s) Chase Brook
522.83	Paul, Edmond	1958 Rembrant trailer 10' x 41'
29.75	Penley, T. W. Heir	Land, Map U-17 Parcel 122B
352.17	Powell, Heirs of John	Land bounded (n) Herbert Eastman (e) Lee Wright (w) Route # 2 and (s) Charles Conrad

47.73	Richmond & O'Niell	Lots 24, 39, 40, 48, & 55 Highland Terrace
567.72	Robbins, John	Jackson orchard formerly part of B. J. Taylor Farm
369.78	Sargent, Gerald & Dorothy	Building & Land Map U-18 Parcel 62
93.45	Sargent, Gerald & Dorothy	Building & Land Map U-18 Parcel 63
	Scott, Reginald	Land bounded (n) William Sinclair (e) R. Feronden
		(s) Yarnish (w) Quirion
23.47	St. Pierre	With 15' of Zenas Hall, lot 5
	Swain & Reed	Land Lot 26, L. H. Reed Field
24.80	Town of Mexico	Lot 49 Harlow Hill Hgts.
38.39	Trask, Wade	Orchard adjacent to Brown & Marshall
	Warren, Edward	Land Map R-4 Parcel 33
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		\$7528.84

Report of Fire Department

To the citizens of the Town of Mexico:

I hereby submit for your consideration, the report of the Fire Department for the year 1972.

The department had a total of 68 calls for the year as listed below:

False Alarms	15
Bell Calls	5
Chimney Fires	6
Grass Fires	4
Flooded Oil Burners	5
Children Playing with Matches	2
Electrical Fires	3
Car Fires	4
Gas Spills	2
Trailer Fires	1
Woods Fires	1
Gas Can in Garage	1
Rubbish	1
Snowmobile gas tank	1
Trucks	2
Out of Hydrant District	4
Covered by Dixfield	1
Bomb scares, Mexico Schools	10

I wish to take this opportunity to thank every citizen of the Town of Mexico, also the Board of Selectmen and the Town Manager for assisting us in all ways during the past year.



D. Bradley, S. Spaulding, W. Whytock

Respectively submitted,

William Whytock, Chief
Mexico Fire Department

Report of Police Department

As an introduction to this report, I would like to explain that presently three of our five patrolmen are still being funded by the Federal Government through the Emergency Employment Act. Since the inception of this program I feel we have made much progress in most areas of law enforcement. For example, with the present manpower level we have been able to make good use of our newly acquired radar unit to reduce excessive speeding on our streets, thereby reducing accidents.

We had two resignations in the department this past year. Officer William Buckingham left to join the New England Telephone Company and was replaced by Donald Kennedy. Officer Emile Carrier left at the end of 1972 to take a position with the Oxford County Sheriff Department. He was replaced on a temporary basis by Craig Bryant, who had recently left the Rumford Police Department to further his education. He will continue this program while here in Mexico.

This past summer we had the services of a Police Intern, Douglas White, to assist our Department in developing an up to date records system as well as drafting a policy manual under which members of the Department will operate. He is a student at the University of Maine in Augusta; he performed these functions and at the same time expanded his knowledge of Law Enforcement. This program was made possible through the Omnibus Crime Control Act and the Maine Law Enforcement Assistance Agency at no cost the Town.

Training and education in Law Enforcement is a constant requirement for a dedicated officer. Throughout the past year four men have attended the six week basic police school. Officer Kennedy attended a one-week advanced training session conducted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The topic of the session centered around developing firearms training within an individual department. Currently five of the six men within this department are attending the University of Maine at Augusta, pursuing degrees in Criminal Justice. This is done on the men's off-duty time on alternative nights so that our staffing does not lose the services of any man. Two of our constables have completed a thirty hour concentrated course dealing with drugs, criminal investigation, interrogation and much more.

I wish to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to the other Law Enforcement Agencies in the area and throughout the State who have given us their assistance. I also wish to thank the townspeople for their cooperation and support which helps us achieve more of our goals. I am looking forward to their continued interest in Law Enforcement in this area.



Respectfully submitted,
John J. Bernard, Jr., Chief
Mexico Police Department

C. Bryant, D. Kennedy, A. Ouellette, J. Bernard,
R. Young, B. Averill

TRAFFIC OFFENSES

Operating under the influence	11
Driving to endanger	2
Leaving the scene of an accident	2
Speeding	64
Operating without a license	12
Operating an unregistered motor vehicle	8
Other moving violations	<u>21</u>
Total	121

CRIMES AGAINST THE PERSON

Contributing to the delinquency of a minor	1
Assault, felony	1
Assault, simple	5
Trespassing	11
Affray	<u>1</u>
Total	19

ANIMAL

Keeper of dog running at large	7
Keeper of a barking dog	<u>2</u>
Total	9

OTHER OFFENSES

Breaking, entering and larceny, nighttime	2
Drug offenses	3
Forgery	1
Larceny, simple	4
Unlawful assembly, failure to disperse	29
Public intoxication	8
Malicious mischief	2
Disorderly conduct	18
Obstructing justice	1
Resisting arrest	5
Operating junk yard without a license	1
Miscellaneous violations	<u>4</u>
Total	78

JUVENILE OFFENSES

Breaking, entering and larceny, daytime	3
Drug offenses	3
Failure to disperse, unlawful assembly	1
Giving false report of a bomb	2
Pulling false fire alarm	1
Malicious mischief	2
Illegal possession of beer	<u>2</u>
Total	14

TOTAL ARREST FOR 1972 241

	Total Number of Accidents Reported	Accidents Over \$200 Damage	Accidents Under \$200 Damage	Number of Persons Injured	Number of Persons Fatally Injured	Estimated Property and Vehicle Damage
January	24	12	12	3	0	\$9,055.00
February	18	7	11	0	0	3,920.00
March	7	3	4	3	0	5,825.00
April	18	11	7	6	0	5,680.00
May	7	4	3	0	0	1,450.00
June	11	7	4	1	0	5,035.00
July	7	1	6	1	0	1,555.00
August	9	3	6	3	0	4,150.00
September	8	4	4	2	0	2,875.00
October	18	8	10	6	1	9,955.00
November	19	9	10	3	0	4,365.00
December	<u>25</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>12,860.00</u>
Totals:	171	83	88	40	1	\$66,725.00

	Accidents	Arrests	Complaints
1967	135	55	488
1968	115	76	304
1969	212	218	482
1970	138	111	518
1971	139	136	1,007
1972	171	241	1,086

COMPLAINTS FOR 1972

Disturbances	Service Request	Larceny Reports	Animal Complaints	Total
457	442	96	91	1,086

Number of Missing Persons: Reported 13
Returned 13

Number of Dogs Impounded: 32

Report of Civil Defense

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of the Town of Mexico:

1972 marked a year in which the Mexico Department of Civil Defense began to rebuild an organization which in recent years had lapsed to almost no functions. In October, all owners of Mobile homes in Mexico were sent a copy of the O.C.D. booklet "Protecting Mobile Homes from High Winds," along with a cost estimate for a typical installation. The Department also obtained an all-wheel drive cargo truck from the State Civil Defense Department. This vehicle has been used by the highway department, and could be used by the Fire Department if a major forest fire were to break out.

The Department also has been able to obtain Federal funding for administrative expenses, including one of the two telephone lines in the town office. Efforts have been made to obtain information regarding various types of preparedness for local business and industry, with appropriate pamphlets distributed to these agencies.

We would hope 1973 will see increased activity, including participation by more citizens in the program, as well as more use of Federal matching funds for expenses. Any citizen interested in exploring available opportunities for volunteer service is urged to contact the Director.

Director - David V. King +, Assistant Director - Frederick Hayden, Chief of Communications - Leo Dyer, Chief of Police Services - John J. Bernard, Jr., Chief of Fire Services - William Whytock, Chief of Public Works - Walter Dyer, Chief of Medical Services - Thomas Ellis, Director of Women's Services - Patricia Thomas, Chief of RADEF - Calvin Lyons.



Michigan # 4, Gmc 6x6, Int. # 8,
Int. Cub- New Equipment

Report of Road Commissioner

With the increasing amount of work done on the roads and streets of the Town of Mexico, I felt it would be appropriate to include in the Mexico Annual Town Report a separate narrative pertaining to this work, since an appropriate amount of explanation would be cumbersome to include as part of the Manager's Report.

At the outset, I would point out for those who may not realize the fact, the appropriation labeled "Winter Roads" covers expenditures from January 1 to April 1, and from November 1 to December 31, therefore encompassing two separate winter seasons. Generally in the course of a few years the severity of the separate seasons balances off, but for 1972, the latter part of the 71-72 and the first part of the 72-73 winter seasons have both been extraordinary in the number and type of storms. 1972 commenced with snow and ice storms, and resulted in large expenditures in salt, coupled with a necessity of re-stocking a depleted supply of road sand. In fact, by the close of the 71-72 winter season in March, over eighty per cent of the appropriation had been spent, with forty per cent of the months remaining. Generally the months of November and December are less severe than the January to March period, but in 1972 snow started to fall around Thanksgiving, and averaged two storms a week through the end of the year. The type of storm also has a bearing on the amount of work necessary to remove the snow--the majority of late 1972 storms fell in such a way as to leave packed snow on the roads, which could not be removed for some time. Also, almost every snowfall was followed by freezing rain, necessitating the heavy use of salt. In some cases, the pickup of snow on the sidewalks was not completed until the end of the year from the first storm. The lateness of our new truck also played a part in our problems, since until its arrival shortly before Christmas it was necessary to use our 1963 truck as a primary vehicle, resulting in a number of breakdowns over and above the usual expected at the start of a season.

The weather was far from cooperative with respect to the summer work also. Rain in the spring and early summer prevented the completion of street sweeping until late in the summer, and delayed the tarring program many times. Due to the availability of personnel from the school Neighborhood Youth Corps, the Town did not hire any extra summer personnel, and thanks to the young people on that program for by painting and a litter patrol the Town took on a new look during the summer.

The project to widen the bridge on the Poplar Hill Road was completed this summer, with the exception of lowering one end of the south side rail. A determination was made that the actual widening of the span was unnecessary, and the sides of the existing bridge were heightened and a channel steel rail was installed, resulting in full use of the existing roadway and safe protection from vehicles leaving the road. The Third Street Wall was not re-constructed due to a lack of ties, but the funds have been carried to 1973, with the expectation of locating sufficient material.

Granite Street was re-built for a distance of some 1200 feet, from Mitchell Street to Abbott School. This section was started due to the severe deterioration of the Street from Spring Street to a point some 400 feet easterly, which would have had to be repaired at a cost of some thousand dollars. The most expensive aspect of this section was the construction of a wall from Mitchell

Street easterly. Fall found the Street graded and ready for paving, but this was postponed until 1973 to permit the new construction to settle. Paving, curbing, and a sidewalk on the northerly side will be done this coming spring. Considerable work was also done for property abutters, as their driveways and yards were affected by the project.

David V. King, Road Commissioner



K. Duguay, R. McKenna, R. Lyons, H. Raymond,
W. Dyer, E. Tidswell, A. Woods

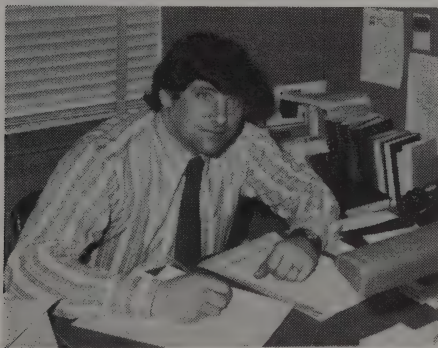
Report of Planner

January, 1972 marked the beginning of full time planning service for the Town of Mexico. Although the first few weeks were primarily organizational subsequent weeks of work laid the foundation for many currently solid projects and programs. One early effort was to reorganize and expand the Mexico Planning Board under home rule. Currently the board is comprised of 9 hard working members who have extended many hours of service to the citizenry of Mexico in drafting zoning and shoreland zoning proposals for betterment of Mexico. In February of 1972 the Maine Community Betterment program was introduced to Mexico. Since that date the Maine Community Betterment committee has completed a community profile; entered its various accomplishments into statewide M.C.B. competition and tied for fourth place; compiled, distributed, and catalogued a survey to determine the recreation and social problem in Mexico's urban area; and is currently striving to organize a recreation program in Mexico. As a member of the Board of Directors of the Greater Rumford Community Center I hope to advance Mexico's involvement in area and local recreation.

Also initiated in February was an effort to expand industrial development possibilities within Mexico and the area. The concept of an airport industrial park has been implemented to attain this desired end. This office has organized the Greater Rumford Airport Industrial Park Authority to coordinate this project which is progressing well and has currently received Federal, State, and County assistance in the advancement of the project. This office is also very involved with the Oxford County Redevelopment Committee's activities. The local representatives to the Committee have worked to ease unemployment in the area. The County Overall Economic Development Administration in Washington has been approved. This approval qualifies the County for E.D.A. grants.

Herewith in the warrant are articles proposed by this office: zoning, shoreland zoning, building code, and recreation department. These articles represent part of this office's effort to better the community of Mexico. There is much more that can be done.

Respectfully submitted,
Thomas S. Carey, Planner



Report of Social Worker

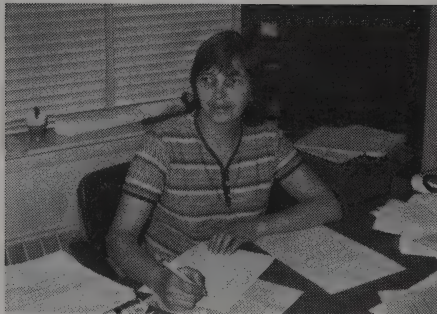
I assumed my position as Social Worker for the Town of Mexico August 1, 1972. Social work means engaging in the practice of social casework, social group work, community organization, administration of a social work program, social work education, social work research or any combination of these, in accordance with social work principles and methods. The purpose of social work is to help individuals, families, groups, and communities to present or resolve problems caused by social or emotional stress.

As far as Welfare is concerned, the economic situation of the area has contributed to a great caseload. Every effort has been made to handle cases fairly to both the Town and the client. We had an average of 21-27 cases per month.

We have served between 550-600 persons per month in the Federally Donated Commodities program.

Respectfully submitted,

Doris Buotte, Social Worker



Report of Health Officer

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen, Town Manager, and Citizens of Mexico:

I hereby submit my report as Health Officer for the Town of Mexico from January 1, 1972 to December 31, 1972.

General Inspections

Inspecting improperly headed buildings	3
Inspecting private dumps	none
Inspecting cesspools	2
Inspecting public buildings	none
Investigating sewer and drinking water	3
Investigating unsanitary conditions	4
Investigating conditions of health and welfare of minor children	5
Investigating basements	none

Contagious and Reportable Diseases

Mumps	5
Measles	7
Scarlet Fever	3
Chicken Pox	11
Infectious Mononucleosis	3
Infectious Hepatitis	4

The following diseases are reportable to the Local Health Officer:

Common Communicable Diseases, such as Chickenpox, Diarrhea of Newborn, Diphtheria, Gastroenteritis (Food poisoning and Food infection), German Measles, Infectious and Serum Hepatitis, Influenza, Measles, Infectious Mononucleosis, Mumps, Pneumonia, Paralytic Poliomyelitis, Human and Animal Rabies, Streptococcal Nasopharyngitis including Scarlet Fever and Streptococcal Throat, Trichinosis, Whooping Cough.

Rare of Exotic Diseases, such as Anthrax, Cat Scratch Fever, Newcastle Disease, Plague, Q Fever, Rocky Mt. Spotted Fever, Flea-borne Typhus Fever, Cholera, Colorado Tick Fever, Dysentery (Amebic) Botulism, Malaria, Smallpox, and Louse-borne Typhus Fever.

Common Skin Infections, such as Impetigo, Pediculosis, Ringworm, Scabies, and Swimmer's Itch.

Occupational and venereal diseases are reportable directly to the State Department of Health and Welfare. Please ask your doctor if you have any questions.

Respectfully Submitted,

Thomas H. Ellis, Health Officer

Report of Building Inspector

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of the Town of Mexico:

During 1972, 17 building permits were issued. Below is a comparison of the permits issued in 1971 and 1972.

Year	Houses	Places of Business	Additions	Garages	Misc.	Total
1971	1	2	10	4	5	22
1972	2	0	3	8	4	17

Contained in the Warrant for the Annual Meeting is an article pertaining to a Building Code for the Town. Since 1924 the Town has been operating under a code of only one page, with few considerations toward proper modern building practices. With a code such as this, it is extremely difficult for the Inspector to carry out his obligations under the State Statutes, and I would encourage citizens to give consideration to enacting the proposed code.

David V. King, Building Inspector

Report of Town Electrician

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of the Town of Mexico

I submit my report for the year 1972.

The Fire Alarm System is in very good condition. All the Fire Alarm Boxes were cleaned, tested, and painted during the past year. The Whistle House on the Oxford Mill roof was also painted and minor repairs were made.

Respectfully Submitted

R.W. Butterfield, Town Electrician

Report of Sealer of Weights and Measures

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of the Town of Mexico:

I hereby submit my report as Sealer of Weights and Measures for the year 1972.

I have tested and found to be correct:

17 Scales

38 Gasoline Pumps

3 Kerosene Pumps

Respectfully Submitted

Fred Theriault

Report of Ambulance Service

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Mexico:

I herewith submit my annual report for the year ending 31 December 1972.

Total Calls	63
Sick Calls to Rumford Hospital	21
Emergencies to Rumford Hospital	8
Hospital to home or to nursing homes	9
Cozy Inn to Rumford Hospital	3
Cozy Inn to Home	1
Home to Cozy Inn	1
To other Hospitals	4
Accidents	8
*Duds	8

*Crew called out and not needed.

It has been our pleasure to serve you in the past year and we are looking forward to serving you in the future.

Respectively submitted,

Joseph F. Dubois Sr.

Report of Mexico Free Public Library

To the Citizens of the Town of Mexico:

Circulation:

Adult Non-Fiction	1862
Adult Fiction	3132
Junior Non-Fiction	639
Junior Fiction	1318
Children	5237
Periodicals	956
Records and Music	52
Total Circulation	13196

Special Services:

Books borrowed from the State Library	70
Films borrowed from the State Library	9
Classes visiting library	5
Registration of New Patrons	161

Library Hours:

Monday to Thursday, 2:00 to 5:00 and 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Friday, 2:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Children's Room: Monday to Friday, 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Staff:

Librarian	Gertrude Thomas
Assistant Librarian	Elaine Mitchell
Children's Room Aide	Rebecca Voter
Part-time Aides	Lorna Jepson
	Denise Doughty
	Diane Harlow
	Gail Harlow

Trustees:

Gladys Tucker
Alberta Lever
Muriel Downs
Clarine Bouthot
Beverly Murphy
Omer Bouthot (ex-officio)
Treasurer:
June Bowden

We wish to thank all who have given money, books and magazines or other gifts; also those persons who have given gifts in memory of friends or relatives.



Respectfully submitted,
Gertrude Thomas, Librarian

D. Harlow, R. Voter, L. Jepson, D. Doughty
Seated: E. Mitchell, G. Thomas

Report of Rumford-Mexico Solid Waste Board

The Solid Waste Disposal Board, consisting of 3 Selectmen from Mexico and 3 Selectmen from Rumford, supervised the operation of the incinerator for the year 1972.

There were several minor repairs to the incinerator and conveyor and two major repairs.

The chain conveyor was replaced and the surface beneath the conveyor was lined with steel plates.

The upper part of the teepee was relined with steel plates, where needed. To reach this height the Rumford fire truck was used. This resulted in a substantial saving to the town.

Operating expenses have been kept in line with the 1971 costs.

The regular operators, Cleston Garneau and Eugene Jacques, are to be commended for the fine work which they did. During the cleanup weeks the plant operated at full capacity.

The members of the board wish to thank the residents of both towns for their fine cooperation while at the plant.

Respectfully submitted,
Omer F. Bouthot, Chairman
Francis Perry, Treasurer
Henry Giroux, Secretary
Garfield Adley, Member
Warren Hopkins, Member
Robert Remeika, Member

Report of Auditor
 Rumford and Mexico
 Solid Waster Disposal Board
 February 8, 1973

To the Honorable Board Members
 Solid Waste Disposal Board
 Mexico, Maine 04257

Gentlemen:

I hereby certify that I have audited the accounts of the Solid Waste Board for the period ending December 31, 1972 and present a simple statement, reflecting the results of the operation for the year ending.

All receipts were checked with the Treasurer, warrants for expenditures were verified, transfers were supported by a vote of the Board. The ledger was checked with the postings from the warrants, appropriations and receipts.

The Treasurer's balance was verified with the statement from the Maine National Bank.

The cash on hand at the end of the year consisted of the following unexpended balances:

Salaries	\$ 4,801.63
Repairs	541.81
Operation of Motorized Equip.	928.86
Light, Power, Telephone	572.34
Fire Protection	876.63
Contingent Account	2,213.79
Grading, Surfacing	<u>2,786.48</u>
	\$ 12,721.54

To the best of my knowledge and belief, the statement herewith submitted, reflects as near as possible the true financial condition of the Board, at the close of the year.

Respectfully submitted,

William F. Perkins, P.A. /s/
 Auditor for the Board

REPORT OF AUDITOR
RUMFORD AND MEXICO
SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL BOARD

Receipts		Expenditures	
Balance on Hand January 1, 1972	\$ 8,563.79	Salaries	\$ 19,159.71
McInnis Insurance	200.00	Repairs	3,141.27
Appropriations by:		Operation of Motorized Equip.	2,617.68
Town of Rumford	\$ 24,800.00	Lights, Power, Telephone	954.67
Town of Mexico	<u>6,200.00</u>	Lease on Land	651.00
	31,000.00	Contingent Account	496.29
		Grading and Surfacing	<u>21.63</u>
		Total Expenditures	\$ 27,042.25
	\$ 39,763.79	Balance on Hand December 31, 1972	<u>12,721.54</u>
			\$ 39,763.79

Transfers

Debits:	
Grading & Surfacing	\$ 1,000.00
Contingent Account	<u>2,000.00</u>
	\$ 3,000.00

Credits:	
Repairs	\$ 1,000.00
Contingent Account	<u>1,000.00</u>
Operation of Motorized Equip.	1,000.00
	\$ 3,000.00

Report of Rumford-Mexico Sewerage District

The Rumford-Mexico Sewerage District has met regularly at the Mexico Town Hall during 1972. Stuart Cooper was re-appointed trustee for a three year term by the Rumford Board of Selectmen and Oscar Taylor was re-appointed trustee for a three year term by the Mexico Board of Selectmen. The following officers were elected:

Hayden Rogers, Chairman
Kenneth Brown, Vice-Chairman
Oscar Taylor, Treasurer
Stuart Cooper, Clerk

On May 31, the District learned that Oxford Paper Company wished to withdraw from the District and would plan to treat its own industrial waste water. This change became necessary when the Federal law changed federal aid conditions. With no federal aid available for the industrial portion, it became uneconomic for Oxford to participate in a joint treatment system.

The engineering plans being prepared by Whitman and Howard, Inc for the joint treatment system were not complete and when Oxford Paper Company withdrew, work on these plans was terminated. Oxford has obtained the plans and a financial settlement will be worked out with Whitman and Howard, Inc. early in 1973. This part of the system should not cost Rumford or the District any money.

A new design was required for a treatment facility to treat the municipal sewage from Rumford and Mexico. The District has hired the consulting firm of Coffin and Richardson, Inc. to do this work. The contract requires completion of the plan by March, 1973. The proposed treatment facility will be located in Mexico and land known locally as the "Farmer's Daughter site" which is about one mile south of the Ridlonville bridge.

Final plans for all portions of the Rumford-Mexico Sewerage District system will be completed in 1973 and construction will be started when financial aid becomes available. Completion of the system in 1974 is anticipated.

Stuart R. Cooper, Clerk

Report of Androscoggin Home Health Service

In 1972 the Androscoggin Home Health Services had its most active year ever serving residents of the Androscoggin-Franklin-Oxford County region. Nearly 40,000 nursing, physical therapy, speech therapy, health aide and home-maker visits were provided to more than 1,600 patients/clients, an increase of 61% over 1971.

While services were distributed over all age groups, our special emphasis has continued to be serving the elderly population. Our primary goal is to enhance the potential for people to remain in their homes--to retain and/or maintain their independence.

Speaking of independence, a major factor contributing to the increased service capacity noted above was our participation in the Maine Department of Health and Welfare sponsored Project Independence, this area's special program designed to improve services to senior citizens. Through Project Independence the Androscoggin Home Health Services was able to utilize a large portion of its municipal donations to obtain matching federal funds, thus tripling the impact of the community-raised dollars.

Also with the assistance of Project Independence, the A.H.H.S. provided a series of health screening clinics for senior citizens during April, May and June. Some 1,000 persons participated in these clinics, with 204 being identified as needing followup examinations. Our goal was early detection of health problems; followup investigation indicated a significant number of participants discovered previously unknown health problems, many of which could be effectively controlled through medical attention.

In the Town of Mexico the A.H.H.S. provided home care services to thirty-three patients and their families. Collectively these people received six hundred seventy-one visits in categories as follows: nursing, 666; physical therapy, 5.

On behalf of our organization, I wish to express my appreciation to the town officials and citizens of Mexico whose support has been so crucial to our endeavors.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard H. Hooper
Executive Director

Report of Mexico Sewer District

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of the Town of Mexico:

The past year was busy for the Sewer District. We made several additions to our system, adding approximately 1200 feet to the Backkingdom line. This added several new customers and will make sewer service available for new construction in this area.

Worthley Avenue was rebuilt and all homes in this area are now furnished with sewers by the district. Several new trailer lots have been made and are hooked up to the system in different locations in town.

We wish to thank the highway crew and foreman for the fine work they are doing. This gives our customers quick and efficient service. Having the Water Department clerks do the Sewer District collections and billings is working out very well. We wish to thank the clerks for their cheerful and understanding ways with our customers.

Plans to construct a new line on Roxbury Avenue have been started; survey work is completed and we are in hopes this can be completed this year if the material is available.

We are sorry to report our audit will not be available for the annual report. It will be submitted as soon as it is completed.

Respectfully submitted,
Mexico Sewer District
Lawrence Sanders, Chairman
Raymond Chabot, Treasurer
Omer Vaillancourt

Report of Auditor

February 8, 1973

Board of Selectmen
Mexico,
Maine

Gentlemen;

In accordance with Title 30, Section 5253, Maine Revised Statutes Annotated of 1944, as amended, an audit has been conducted of the financial records of the Town of Mexico for the year ended December 31, 1972.

The examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and accordingly included such tests of accounting records and other such auditing procedures as were considered necessary in the circumstance.

In my opinion, the Exhibits and Schedules incorporated in this report, present fairly the financial position of the Town of Mexico at December 31, 1972, and the results of its operations for the period so indicated.

Respectfully submitted,

Harold L. Jordan
Auditor

AUDITOR'S COMMENTS

Year Ended December 31, 1972

An audit of the financial records of the Town of Mexico has been completed for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1972. Cash accounts were verified by reconciliation of bank statements. An analysis was made of Treasurer's receipts and deposits as well as disbursements and bank charges. Vouchers, payrolls and cancelled checks were examined.

The records of the Clerk of the Annual Town Meeting, Insurance coverage and security bonds were determined; trust funds and reserve funds were examined.

Sale of Town-Owned property records revealed that all unpaid taxes, as well as outstanding liens, should be considered before the property is sold. Adjustments should be made to keep accounts in balance.

In the Accounts Receivable account, totals include the alleged burglary from the State Audit report of 1970. Total Accounts Receivable is \$21,113.39. Cash account of the Treasurer shows a balance of \$73,992.34, which includes the Fire Truck Purchase Balance as well as Federal Revenue Sharing receipts. The Surplus Account shows a balance of \$58,943.31.

Respectfully Submitted,
Harold Jordan, P.A.

RESERVE ACCOUNTS
December 31, 1972

	Total	Fire Truck	Reed Field	Gravel Pit	Highway Garage	Fire Alarm System	Traffic Light
Balance 1-1-72	71,648.21	18,025.57	13,415.79	1,169.84	31,797.29	3,147.10	4,092.62
Town Appropriated	2,000.00	1,000.00				1,000.00	
From Surplus	3,000.00						3,000.00
Interest Earned							
U.S. Bonds	325.00	250.00	75.00				
Time Deposits	3,037.80	432.60	533.53	53.51	1,626.81	172.22	219.13
Total Available	80,011.01	19,708.17*	14,024.32	1,223.35	33,424.10	4,319.32	4,311.75

*In Treasurer's Checking Account

Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund	Principal	Interest
Farrington, Henry Maine National Bank No. 21-0-03301-5	\$200.00	\$ 16.38
Gleason, Elizabeth Maine National Bank No. 21-0-03304-9	100.00	227.96
Johnson, Arthur Maine National Bank No. 21-0-03300-7	50.00	4.10
Lovell, Nellie Maine National Bank No. 21-0-03305-6	100.00	205.53
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	\$450.00	\$453.97

COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET
Year Ended December 31, 1972

ASSETS	December 31, 1971	December 31, 1972
Cash on Hand and in Bank	\$19,863.55	\$72,992.34
Change Fund	<u>100.00</u>	<u>100.00</u>
	\$19,963.55	\$ 73,092.34
Accounts Receivable	\$20,841.88	\$21,113.39
Less Reserve for Losses	<u>2,043.77</u>	<u>2,043.77</u>
	18,798.11	19,069.62
State Revenue Sharing		13,058.82
Taxes Receivable	53,798.11	46,628.88
Tax Acquired Property	3,909.11	7,528.84
Tax Liens	<u>17,902.51</u>	<u>11,903.98</u>
	<u>\$113,919.97</u>	<u>\$171,282.48</u>
Liabilities, Reserves & Surplus		
LIABILITIES		
Accounts Payable	194.83	194.83
Due Government Agencies	1,481.30	4,609.50
Suspense Account	82.30	82.30
Fire Truck		19,708.17
RESERVES		
Departmental Balance Carried	46,824.21	44,175.12
Prepaid Taxes	233.00	6.00
Reserve Fund	2.25	2.25
Federal Revenue Sharing		39,561.00
SURPLUS		
Unappropriated	65,102.08	58,943.31
Fire Alarm System		1,000.00
Traffic Light Investment	<u></u>	<u>3,000.00</u>
	<u>\$113,919.97</u>	<u>\$171,282.48</u>
TRUST FUNDS & RESERVES		
TIME DEPOSITS	\$ 864.25	\$ 903.97
RESERVE FUNDS	\$71,648.00	\$19,708.17

Statement of change in Unappropriated Surplus
Year ending December 31, 1972

Unappropriated surplus balance December 31, 1971		65,102.08
<u>Increase</u>		
1972 Excise Taxes	8,058.36	
1973 Excise	2,499.39	
Departmental Operations	6,278.07	
Suspense Account	82.30	
Lease on Land	651.00	
Tax Liens	1,076.40	
1972 Taxes	778.22	
1971 Taxes	254.36	
1970 Taxes	29.70	
Accounts Receivable	122.81	
Auditor's Adjustment for changes in Tax Acquired Property and Liens	1,051.86	
Total Increase		20,882.47
<u>Decrease</u>		
Abatements	2,173.90	
Town Meeting Vote	20,000.00	
Payroll Taxes	4,150.24	
1971 & 1972 Taxes	153.75	
Liens & Town-Owned Property	563.35	
Total Decrease		27,041.24
NET DECREASE		<u>6,158.77</u>
Unappropriated surplus balance December 31, 1972		58,943.31

Statement of Departmental Operations

	Balance 1-1-72	Appropri- ations	Transfer Credits	Total Available	Warrants	Transfer	Lapsed	Balance Carried
General Government								
Town Officers' Salaries	\$	\$ 14,561.00	\$ 5,159.69	\$ 19,720.69	\$ 19,586.00	\$	\$ 134.69	
Town Office Maintenance		3,430.00	600.00	4,030.00	3,196.67		833.33	
Finance and Audit		735.00		735.00	1,184.05		(449.05)	
Elections		815.00		815.00	1,037.45		(222.45)	
Town Reports		925.00		925.00	1,006.50		(81.50)	
General Government		8,210.00	5,985.50	14,195.50	12,019.89	.18	2,175.43	
General Government Supplement	(1,002.57)		64,285.00	63,282.43	58,497.84	7,614.07		(2,829.48)
	(\$1,002.57)	\$ 28,676.00	\$ 76,030.19	\$103,703.62	\$ 96,528.40	\$7,614.25	\$2,390.45	(\$2,829.48)
Protection								
Fire Department		29,000.00	1,506.18	30,506.18	27,542.55	2,000.00		963.63
Police Department		32,086.00	2,961.15	35,047.15	30,224.00		3,523.15	1,300.00
Street Lights		11,500.00		11,500.00	9,873.28		1,626.72	
Hydrant Rental		18,320.00		18,320.00	18,320.00			
Civil Defense		250.00	82.92	332.92	362.31			(29.39)
Group Insurance			1,121.76	1,121.76	1,075.75			46.01
Ambulance		2,500.00		2,500.00	2,500.00			
Traffic Light Fund			*3,000.00					3,000.00
Police Court Fee			1,070.00	1,070.00	461.45		608.55	
Radio Tower		500.00		500.00	500.00			
	\$ 94,156.00	\$	9,742.01	\$103,898.61	\$ 90,859.34	\$2,000.00	\$5,758.42	\$ 5,280.25

	Balance 1-1-72	Appropri- ations	Transfer Credits	Total Available	Warrants	Transfer	Lapsed	Balance Carried
Health and Sanitation								
Health Officer and Supplies		250.00	500.00	750.00	742.42			7.58
Androscoggin Home Health Service		1,300.00		1,300.00	1,300.00			
Health Department Supplies		500.00		500.00		500.00		
Garbage Collection		12,875.00	500.00	13,375.00	13,024.54			350.46
Solid Waste Disposal		6,200.00		6,200.00	6,200.00			
Oxford County Mental Health			*3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00			
Extension of Garbage Pickup		500.00		500.00		500.00		
		\$ 21,625.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 25,625.00	\$ 24,266.96	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 358.04	

Highways and Bridges								
Winter Roads			50,323.75	50,323.75	65,482.32		(15,158.57)	
Summer Roads		700.00	18,557.04	19,257.04	19,161.88		95.16	
Maintenance Highway Garage		1,436.00		1,436.00	1,660.11	(224.11)	
Tarring - Skinny Mix			5,000.00	5,000.00	4,882.94		117.06	
Sidewalks		1,000.00		1,000.00	1,000.00			11,280.00
State Aid Roads	6,743.44	4,536.56		11,280.00				2,073.72
Town Road Improvement	2,073.72			2,073.72				11,795.96
Granite Street Reconstruction	20,521.50	5,000.00		25,521.50	13,725.54			
Tree Removal		1,000.00		1,000.00	1,182.32		(182.32)	
Third Street Wall		1,500.00		1,500.00				1,500.00
Poplar Hill Road		3,000.00		3,000.00	1,842.58		1,154.42	
Spring Cleanup		500.00		500.00	1,045.93		(545.93)	
	\$29,338.66	\$ 18,672.56	\$ 73,880.19	\$ 121,892.61	\$ 109,986.62		(\$ 14,744.29)	\$ 26,649.68

Welfare

Local Welfare	15,000.00	\$	917.61	\$	15,917.61	\$	9,978.08	5,939.53
Donated Commodities	1,800.00		50.25		1,850.25		1,459.63	390.62
Other Town Poor	(252.80)		1,600.49		1,347.69		1,150.64	12.50
State Welfare	(1,330.95)		4,033.63		2,702.68		3,322.32	917.61
	(\$1,583.75)	\$	6,601.08	\$	21,818.23	\$	15,910.67	\$ 930.11
								\$6,330.15 (\$1,352.70)

Recreation

Skating Rink	1,200.00		1,200.00		1,068.97		131.03	
Swimming Program	500.00		500.00		600.00		(100.00)	
Public Library	6,500.00		200.00		6,700.00		6,700.00	
Parks	300.00		2.05		302.05		197.44	104.61
	\$ 8,500.00	\$	202.05	\$	8,702.05	\$	8,566.41	\$ 135.64

Cemeteries

Maintenance	201.68	\$	300.00	\$	501.68	\$	294.44	\$ 207.24
	(13,358.82)			(13,358.82)				

State Revenue Sharing

Debt Service								
Suspense Account	82.30				82.30			82.30
Accounts Receivable	20,841.88		8,545.75		29,387.63		8,274.24	21,113.39
	\$20,924.18	\$	8,545.75	\$	29,469.93	\$	8,274.24	\$21,195.69

Balance 1-1-72	Appropri- ations	Transfer Credits	Total Available	Warrants	Transfer	Balance Lapsed	Balance Carried
Special Assessment							
S.A.D. #43	250,625.49		250,625.49	250,625.49			
County Tax	8,772.00		8772.00	8,772.00			
Overlay	7,824.67		7,824.67		977.03	6,847.64	
Temporary Loan		120,000.00	120,000.00	120,000.00			
Solid Waste Note	2,000.00	100.00	2,100.00	2,081.99		18.01	
Solid Waste Interest	100.00		100.00		100.00		
	\$269,322.16	\$120,100.00	\$389,422.16	\$381,479.48	\$1,077.03	\$6,865.65	

Unclassified

Life Insurance, H&A	16.77	5,840.00	269.49	6,126.26	6,851.30	(725.04)	
Athletic Field		1,500.00		1,500.00	1,403.98	96.02	2,600.31
Social Security		4,500.00	14,247.72	18,747.72	16,147.41		1,068.10
Maine State Retirement		4,000.00	10,283.87	14,283.87	13,215.77		
Pension Fund		1,380.00		1,380.00	1,380.00		
Chamber of Commerce		200.00		200.00	200.00		
Contingent		700.00		700.00	462.41	89.60	147.99
Planning Board		500.00		500.00	346.83	153.17	
Androscoggin Regional Planning		510.00		510.00	537.00	(27.00)	
Maine Municipal Association		318.50		318.50	318.50		
Accounts Payable			194.83	194.83		194.83	
Equipment Account	19,771.12		41,372.11	61,133.23	45,458.55		15,674.68

Refund on Taxes					1,247.69	(1,247.69)	
State Income Tax	243.20	1,356.60	1,599.80		1,450.45		149.37
Federal Income Tax	1,238.10	18,421.64	19,659.64		17,799.80		1,859.84
Rumford Community Hospital		2,500.00	2,500.00		2,500.00		
Discounts 1972		977.03	977.03		977.03		
Interest on Temporary Loan		2,000.00	2,000.00		1,615.51	384.49	
Insurance - Blue Cross		3,960.00	9,943.95	13,903.95	8,379.36	5,804.00	(315.41)
	<u>\$21,269.19</u>	<u>\$ 25,908.50</u>	<u>\$ 99,057.14</u>	<u>\$146,234.83</u>	<u>\$119,314.56</u>	<u>(1,023.23)</u>	<u>\$21,036.87</u>
	\$69,147.39	\$470,601.40	\$398,159.91	\$937,908.70	\$855,481.12	\$6,169.20	\$69,980.81

* Surplus

Report of Highway Building Committee

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of the Town of Mexico:

As voted in Article 32 of last year's Warrant, we, the members of the Highway Garage Building Committee, respectfully submit this report.

In August of 1972, the committee held their first meeting of the year. At this meeting the officers were elected and the purpose of the committee was stated.

At many of the meetings the committee held they met with representatives of different companies to study the feasibility and cost of erecting a Highway Garage Building. The companies we met with were - Sheridan Corporation, Brown Company, M.D. Hardy, Colonial Building Corporation, Albert Hodgekin Contractor, and Norway Consulting and Construction.

The committee also studied the feasibility of purchasing local existing buildings. Those taken into consideration were the Morrisison Garage Building and the former Ferland's Dairy Garage Building. Both of these buildings were inspected by the committee and found to be inadequate for our purpose.

It is therefore the recommendation of this committee to build a new Highway Garage Building on the Virgin Gravel Pit Site, at a cost not to exceed \$90,000.00.

Respectfully submitted,

Alton McKellick, Chairman
Robert Remeika, Secretary
Frank Stoutamyer
Walter Dyer
Gerard Boivin

Warrant for Annual Town Meeting

STATE OF MAINE

COUNTY OF OXFORD, S.S.

TO: John J. Bernard, Jr., a Constable in the Town of Mexico in said County of Oxford.

GREETINGS:

In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby required to notify and warn the voters of the Town of Mexico, in said County, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to assemble at the Mexico Municipal Building in said Town on Monday, the 5th day of March, A.D. 1973 at ten o'clock in the forenoon, Eastern Standard Time, then and there to act on the following articles, to wit:

Article 1: To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Article 2: To see if the Town will vote to accept the report of the Municipal Officers for the year ending December 31, 1972.

Article 3: To elect such Town Officers as are required to be elected by Australian Ballot as voted at the Special Town Meeting of July 24, 1924 and amended at the Special Town Meeting of February 4, 1953. (The polls for voting on Town Officers will be opened at 10 o'clock in the forenoon and will close at 7 o'clock in the evening. The meeting will then adjourn until 7:30 P.M. and reconvene at the Mexico Junior High School to act on the remainder of the Warrant.)

Article 4: To see what action the Town will take with respect to 1972 and 1973 Federal Revenue Sharing monies received by the Town.

	SELECTMEN RECOMMEND:	BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND:
Police Department operation	\$ 36,441.00	\$ 36,095.00
Fire Department operation	29,100.00	29,100.00
Hydrant Rental	20,150.00	20,150.00
Summer Road payroll, equipment and supplies	19,309.00	19,309.00
Support of Mexico Sewer District	5,000.00	
	<u>\$110,000.00</u>	<u>\$104,654.00</u>

Article 5: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for ADMINISTRATION for the ensuing year.

	SELECTMEN RECOMMEND:	BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND:
1. General Government	\$ 14,853.00	\$ 14,853.00
2. Town Officer's Salaries	21,223.00	22,323.00
3. Town Office Maintenance	4,182.00	4,182.00
4. Finance and Audit	800.00	800.00
5. Elections	630.00	630.00
6. Town Reports	950.00	950.00
	<u>\$ 42,638.00</u>	<u>\$ 43,738.00</u>
Less anticipated revenue	<u>10,600.00</u>	<u>10,600.00</u>
Raise by taxation	\$ 32,038.00	\$ 33,138.00

Article 6: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for PROTECTION for the ensuing year.

	SELECTMEN RECOMMEND:	BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND:
1. Police Department	\$ 37,441.00	\$ 37,095.00
2. Fire Department	29,100.00	29,100.00
3. Civil Defense	750.00	350.00
4. Street Lights	12,400.00	12,400.00
5. Hydrant Rental	20,150.00	20,150.00
	<u>\$ 99,841.00</u>	<u>\$ 99,095.00</u>
Less anticipated revenue	1,300.00	1,175.00
Less Federal Revenue Sharing	<u>86,691.00</u>	<u>86,345.00</u>
Raise by Taxation	\$ 11,850.00 <i>L</i>	\$ 11,575.00

Article 7: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for HEALTH AND WELFARE for the ensuing year.

SELECTMEN AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND:

1. General Health and Welfare	\$ 32,296.25
2. Incinerator	<u>6,200.00</u>
Raise by Taxation	\$ 38,496.25

L OX

Article 8: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for PUBLIC WORKS for the ensuing year.

SELECTMEN AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND:

1. Highway Garage Maintenance	\$ 1,536.00
2. Highway General	62,164.00
3. Summer Roads	23,100.00
4. Winter Roads	56,500.00
	<u>\$143,300.00</u>
Less transfer from 1973 excise	47,000.00
Less transfer from surplus	<u>9,500.00</u>
	<u>\$ 86,800.00</u>
Less Federal Revenue Sharing	<u>19,309.00</u>
Raise by Taxation	\$ 67,491.00

L OX

Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$47,000.00 from the 1973 Excise Tax Account to the Winter Road Account.

SELECTMEN AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND: Yes.

L OX

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$9,500.00 from the Surplus Account to the Winter Road Account.

SELECTMEN AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND: Yes.

L OX

Article 11: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for RECREATION for the ensuing year.

SELECTMEN AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND:

1. Skating Rink	\$ 1,400.00
2. Swimming Program	<u>600.00</u>
Raise by Taxation	\$ 2,000.00 L

Article 12: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for PARKS AND CEMETERIES for the ensuing year.

SELECTMEN AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND:

1. Parks	\$ 300.00
2. Cemeteries	<u>300.00</u>
Raise by Taxation	\$ 600.00 + OK

Article 13: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for UNCLASSIFIED ITEMS for the ensuing year.

	SELECTMEN RECOMMEND:	BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND:
1. Maine Municipal Association	\$ 602.83	\$ 602.83 L
2. Social Security	7,000.00	7,000.00 L
3. Pension	1,500.00	1,500.00 L
4. Maine State Retirement System	6,000.00	6,000.00 L
5. Contingent	700.00	700.00 L
6. Chamber of Commerce	1,500.00	1,500.00 L
7. Rumford Community Hospital	2,500.00	2,500.00 L
8. Athletic Field	1,500.00	750.00
9. Planning	1,000.00	1,000.00 L
10. Insurance	11,000.00	11,000.00 L
11. Interest	1,500.00	1,500.00 L
12. And. Valley Regional Planning	529.00	529.00 L
13. Library	7,000.00	7,000.00 L
14. Spring Cleanup	<u>1,000.00</u>	<u>1,000.00</u> L
Raise by Taxation	\$ 43,331.83 LOK	\$ 42,581.83

Article 14: To see if the Town will vote to rescind action taken under Article 31 of the 1972 Annual Town Meeting, and raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,500.00 from taxation to complete payment on the new fire truck. OK

SELECTMEN AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND: Yes.

Article 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,500.00 for Dubois Ambulance Service. (By request of Dubois Ambulance Service.)

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND: Raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,500.00 by taxation. L OK

BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND: Pass Article 15 by.

Article 16: To see what action the Town will vote to take with respect to authorizing the purchase or erection of a new Highway Department Garage.

SELECTMEN AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND: Authorize the erection of a new garage, to be named the Wardwell Memorial Garage, with monies appropriated from the Highway Garage Fund and \$30,000.00 from taxation, with the balance not to exceed \$30,000.00 to be bonded for one year, to be erected in the Virgin Gravel Pit Site. *OK*

Article 17: To see what action the Town will vote to take with respect to the Accounts Receivable Account.

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND: Appropriate the sum of \$19,877.99 from Surplus and transfer that amount to the Accounts Receivable Account.

BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND: Pass Article 17 by. *OK Passed*

Article 18: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to trade Truck # 3 for another of comparable size and to transfer from the Equipment Account the necessary amount of money for same.

SELECTMEN AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND: Yes. *OK*

Article 19: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to trade in Sander # 3 for another of the modern type and to transfer from the Equipment Account the necessary amount of money for same.

SELECTMEN AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND: Yes. *OK*

Article 20: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to purchase a paver and a self-propelled roll for application of hot bituminous concrete to street surfaces, and to transfer an amount of money not to exceed \$6,000.00 from the Equipment Account for same.

SELECTMEN AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND: Yes. *OK*

Article 21: To see what action the Town will vote to take with respect to allowing discounts on taxes, except poll taxes, and to see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to defray such costs.

SELECTMEN AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND: 2 per cent discount on all taxes paid by April 15, 1973, with necessary funds to be taken from the Overlay Account. *OK*

Article 22: To see if the Town will fix a date when taxes for the year 1973 shall be due and payable, and to see what action the Town will vote to take with respect to interest on unpaid taxes.

SELECTMEN AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND: Taxes shall be due and payable upon presentation; 8 per cent per annum interest shall be charged on all taxes not paid before November 1, 1973, said interest to be calculated retroactively to October 1, 1973. *OK*

Article 23: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 from Surplus to be paid to Hope Training School for capital construction.

SELECTMEN AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND: Yes. *OK*

Article 24: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to obtain a vehicle to be used to plow sidewalks in the Town, and to transfer from the Equipment Account the necessary amount of money for same, said amount not to exceed \$7,200.00.

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND: Yes.

BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: Pass Article 24 by. *out*

Article 25: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen, in behalf of the Town, to sell, dispose of, or lease any real estate acquired by the Town for non-payment of taxes thereon, on such terms as they may deem advisable, and to execute quit-claim deeds for such property.

SELECTMEN AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND: Yes. *OK*

Article 26: To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to appoint all other officers not required to be elected by ballot as voted at the Special Town Meeting of July 24, 1924 and amended at the Special Town Meeting of February 4, 1953.

SELECTMEN AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND: Yes. *OK*

Article 27: To see if the Town will vote to change the name of that portion of Third Street extending from Mitchell Street to Spring Street to be known hereafter as Spring Street.

SELECTMEN AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND: Yes. *OK*

Article 28: To see if the Town will vote to discontinue as a public road that portion of Third Street from Parker Street to Mitchell Street, with the ownership to revert to the abutting property owner, namely School Administrative District number forty-three.

SELECTMEN AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND: Yes. *OK*

Article 29: To see if the Town will vote to discontinue as a public road that portion of Park Street from Granite Street to the property line separating lots 23 and 24 on the Mexico Tax Assessor's map U-11, said maps on file at the Mexico Municipal Building, said line being approximately one hundred (100) feet from Granite Street.

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND: Yes.

BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: Pass Article 29 by. *Pass*

Article 30: To see if the Town will enact an ordinance entitled "Establishment of the Mexico Recreation Department" as follows:

ESTABLISHMENT OF THE MEXICO RECREATION DEPARTMENT

1. Establishment. Pursuant to 30 M.R.S.A. Sec. 3553, the Town of Mexico hereby establishes the Mexico Recreation Department.

2. Appointment.

- A. Appointments to the Department shall be made by the Mexico Board of Selectmen.
- B. The Department shall consist of 5 members.
- C. The term of each member shall be 3 years, except the initial appointments which shall be for 1,2,2,3,3 years respectively.
- D. When there is a permanent vacancy, the Board of Selectmen shall within 60 days of its occurrence appoint a person to serve for the unexpired term.
- E. Not more than 1 elected municipal officer may serve as a member.

3. Organization and Rules.

- A. The Department shall elect a Chairman and a Secretary from among its members and create and fill such other offices as it may determine. The term of all officers shall be 1 year with eligibility for re-election.
- B. Any question of whether a member shall be disqualified from voting on a particular matter shall be decided by a majority vote of the members except the member who is being challenged.
- C. The Chairman shall call at least one regular meeting each month.
- D. No meeting of the Department shall be held without a quorum consisting of 3 members.
- E. The Department shall adopt rules for transaction of business and the Secretary shall keep a record of its regulations, transactions, correspondence, findings and determinations. All records shall be deemed public and may be open for inspection at reasonable times.

4. Duties, Powers.

- A. The Department shall be responsible for policy determination and administration of recreation within the Town of Mexico.
- B. The Department shall function financially through Town appropriation and Fund Raising Campaigns. Funds appropriated by the Town will be expended in the same manner as other Municipal Departments; other funds will be expended at the discretion of the Department.
- C. The Department shall investigate the need and feasibility of existing and proposed recreation activities, programs, and buildings and shall use such findings to determine the Department's policies.

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND: Yes.

BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: Pass Article 30 by.

Article 31: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to appropriate and raise by taxation or transfer for organization and expenses of the Mexico Recreation Department for the ensuing year.

SELECTMEN RECOMMEND: Transfer \$1,000.00 from the Recreation Reserve Fund to start the program.

BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS: Pass Article 31 by.

Article 32: To see if the Town will enact an ordinance entitled "The Mexico Zoning and Shoreland Ordinance," in accordance with Maine Revised Statutes Titles 12 and 30, sections 4812 and 2156 respectively, as amended.

SELECTMEN AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND: Yes.

Article 33: To see if the Town will enact an ordinance entitled "The Mexico Shoreland Zoning Ordinance" in accordance with 12 M.R.S.A., section 4812, as amended.

SELECTMEN AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND: Yes.

Article 34: To see if the Town will enact an ordinance entitled "The Mexico Building Code" in accordance with 30 M.R.S.A., section 2156, as amended.

SELECTMEN AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND: Yes.

Article 35: To see if the Town will vote to accept and maintain street name signs donated by the Mexico Lions Club.

SELECTMEN AND BUDGET COMMITTEE RECOMMEND: Yes.

The Board of Voter Registration hereby gives notice that they will be in session at the Town Office, Mexico, Maine for the purpose of correcting the list of voters in said Town on Monday, February 26, from seven until nine o'clock in the evening; and that no registrations will be accepted after that time.

Hereof fail not and have you there this warrant with your doings thereon. Given under our hands at said Mexico, Maine the 12th day of February, A.D. 1973.

Omer F. Bouthot
Francis J. Perry
Robert J. Remeika
Selectmen of Mexico, Maine

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Essex (80) good

Lyons L

Arthur Bondare L

Shooklin L

Chic. L

Joe Par L

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IMPORTANT

All Taxpayers should read the following requirement and comply with it:
TITLE 35, SECTION 706, M.R.S.A.:

"Before making an assessment, the assessors shall give seasonable notice in writing to all persons liable to taxation in the municipality to furnish to the assessors true and perfect lists of their polls and all their estates, not by law exempt from taxation, of which they were possessed on the first day of April of the same year.

The notice to residents may be given by posting notifications in some public place in the municipality or in such other way as the municipality directs.

The notice to non-resident owners may be mailed direct to the last known address of the taxpayer or by any other method that provides reasonable notice to the taxpayer.

If any person after such notice does not furnish such list, he is thereby barred of his right to make application to the assessors or the county commissioners for any abatement of his taxes, unless he furnishes such list with his application and satisfies them that he was unable to furnish it at the time appointed.

The assessors or any of them may require the person furnishing the list to make oath to its truth, which oath any of them may administer, and any of them may require him to answer in writing all proper inquiries as to the nature, situation and value of his property liable to be taxed in the State; and a refusal or neglect to answer such inquiries and subscribe the same bars an appeal to the county commissioners, but such list and answers shall not be conclusive upon the assessors."

Assessors hereby give notice that they will be in session at the Mexico Town Office on the 2nd day of April from 8:30 A.M. to Noon and 1:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. for the purpose above stated.

Municipal Service Directory

Ambulance
Athletic Field
Auto Excise Tax
Auto Registration
Bills and Accounts
Birth Certificates
Burial Permits
Civil Defense
Court Matters
Death Certificates
Dog Licenses
Dog Problems
Elections

FIRE

Fishing Licenses
Garbage Removal
Hospital
Hunting Licenses
Incinerator
Law Enforcement

Legislation
Library
Marriage Licenses
Ordinances, Town
Plumbing Permits

POLICE

Public Health
Purchasing
Records
Roads and Streets
Schools, General
Schools, High
Sewers
Sheriff
Street Opening Permits
Tax Assessments
Tax Collector
Tax Maps
Water
Welfare, Town
Welfare, State

Dubois Ambulance
Commission Chairman
Tax Collector
State Registry
Town Manager
Town Clerk
Town Clerk
Director
District Court
Town Clerk
Town Clerk
Dog Officer
Town Clerk

EMERGENCY

Town Clerk
Contractor
R.C. Hospital
Town Clerk
R.M. Incinerator
EMERGENCY
Police Chief
Selectmen
M.F.P. Public Library
Town Clerk
Town Manager
Inspector

EMERGENCY

Police Chief
Health Officer
Town Manager
Town Clerk
Town Manager
Superintendent
Principal
Superintendent
Deputy--Office
Town Manager
Assessors
Town Manager
Assessors
Water District
Social Worker
Health & Welfare

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Hospital	R.C. Hospital	364-3711
Hunting Licenses	Town Clerk	364-7971
Incinerator	R.&M. Incinerator	364-7573
Law Enforcement	EMERGENCY	364-4551

Legislation	Police Chief	364-7971
Library	Selectmen	364-7971
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Ordinances, Town	Town Clerk	
Plumbing Permits	Town Manager	364-7971
	Inspector	364-2991

POLICE

Public Health	EMERGENCY	364-4551
Purchasing	Police Chief	364-7971
Records	Health Officer	364-3403
Roads and Streets	Town Manager	364-7971
Schools, General	Town Clerk	364-7971
	Town Manager	364-7971
	Superintendent	364-7896

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The new Mexico Municipal Garage, to be named the Wardwell Memorial Garage, in memory of Linwood Wardwell, who served the Town as Highway Foreman faithfully for 28 years.

For the year ending December 31, 1973

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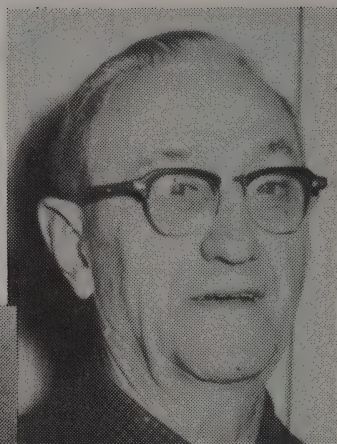
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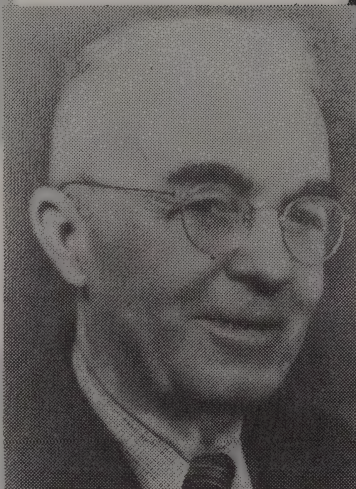
Dedication



JOSEPH MICHAUD
Selectman
1942-1943-1944-1945-1946
1953-1954-1955
Assessor
1942-1943-1944-1945-1946
Tax Collector
1947-1948-1949-1950



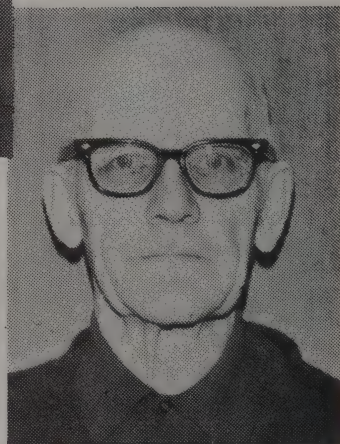
HARRY KINNEAR
Selectman
1951
Assessor
1951-1955-1956-1957-1958
1959-1960



ALBERT SMALL
Mexico's oldest citizen who passed away January 15, 1974 at the age of 101, and who was very active on many projects and committees in the Town of Mexico.



CLIFFORD SMALL
Assessor
1953-1954-1955-1956-1957
1958-1958-1960-1961



RAYMOND MITCHELL
Selectman
1930-1931-1932
Assessor
1930-1931-1932

*This report is sincerely dedicated to these men
in grateful appreciation of the many
years of faithful service they have
rendered to our town.*

Mexico Town Officers

Board of Selectmen

Francis J. Perry, Chairman 1974
Robert J. Remeika 1975
Omer F. Bouthot 1976

Town Manager

Raynold N. Blanchette

Town Clerk - Treasurer

Calvin P. Lyons

Board of Assessors

Timothy Kelcourse, Ch. 1974
Theodore Gotto 1975
Arthur Bordeau 1976

Tax Collector - Office Staff

Raynold N. Blanchette
Patricia Thomas, Secretary
Janice Bradbury, Secretary†
Doris Buotte, Social Worker†

Police Department

John J. Bernard, Jr., Chief
Bertrum C. Averill, Sergeant
Robert E. Young†
Arthur B. Ouellette†
Donald R. Kennedy†

Fire Department

William W. Whytock, Chief
Stanley Spaulding
Donald Bradley

Building Inspector

Roland E. Patenaude

Plumbing Inspectors

Glenn Swan
Gilbert Fontaine

Highway Department

Walter Dyer, Foreman
Earland Tidswell
Harry Raymond
Kenneth Duguay
Robert Lyons
Robert McKenna†
Earland Tidswell, Jr.

Trustees - Mexico Water District

Henry Thomas, Chairman 1976
Adolph Martin, Jr. 1975
Donald Gilbert 1974

Trustees - Mexico Sewer District

Lawrence Sanders, Chairman 1975
Raymond Chabot, Treasurer 1974
Omer Vaillancourt 1976

Mexico Members - Rumford- Mexico Sewer District

Kenneth C. Brown 1974
Oscar Taylor 1975
Pat DeFilipp 1976

Health Officer

Thomas Ellis

Civil Defense Director

Raynold N. Blanchette

Town Electrician

Ralph Butterfield

Sealer of Weights & Measures

Fred E. Theriault

Board of Voter Registration

Nelida Arsenault
Virginia Stickney
Lorenda Doughty

Budget Committee

Walter Mann, Chairman	1975
Clayton Turner, V. Ch.	1977
Richard St. Cyr, Secretary	1976
Roland Berry	1974
Timothy Kelcourse	1974
Guy Stickney	1974
James Chrissikos	1975
Harry Myles	1975
Edward Bisson	1976
Ernest Hunt	1976
Thomas Beedy	1977
Lanson Hammond	1977
Donald Cummings	1978
Vito DeFilipp	1978
Alton McKellick	1978

**Androscoggin Valley Regional
Planning Commission Delegates**
Francis J. Perry, Delegate
Lawrence Sanders, Alternate

Athletic Field Committee

Alexander Miller	1976
William Gaudet	1975
Elwin Brown	1974

Constables

Walston Barrett, Jr.
Joseph Dubois
William Harlow
William Buckingham

Constables - Schools

Roland Berry
Cecil Jones

Planning Board

Austin Ranks, Chairman	1978
Edward Bisson	1974
William Morgan	1974
Gladys Tucker	1975
Lawrence Sanders	1976
Donald Cummings, Alt.	1977
Francis Perry, Alt.	1977
Ralph Robbins, Alt.	1977
Celand Weeks	1978

Constables Union Meeting

William Whytock

Constables - Fire Department

Donald Bradley
Perley Buckingham
Thomas Phillips
Stanley Spaulding
Maurice Thibodeau

Library Trustees

Gladys Tucker
Alberta Lever
Muriel Downs
Geraldine Horne
Beverly Murphy
June Bowden
Francis J. Perry (ex-officio)

Directors - S.A.D. #43

Kenneth R. Brown	1974
Robert DeRoehn	1974
R. Douglas Hutchinson	1975
Leonard Lindberg	1975
Charles Aleck	1976
Jessie Parr	1976

Ballot Clerks

Margaret Aleck	Harriett Estes
Wilma Belanger	Germaine Fontaine
Marie Bernard	Ruth Fournier
Evangeline Bouthot	Kathleen Gilbert
Esther Brock	Jean Kenny
Jeannette Brown	Merna Kimball
Leona Brown	Yvonne McHale
Doris Buotte	Elaine Mitchell
Rita Buotte	Nancy Palmer
Julie Burns	Gladys Tucker
Geraldine Dawson	Muriel Venskus
Pauline Dawson	Eleanor Williams
Elizabeth Yanush	

† Denotes Town Employees under the Emergency Employment Act provisions.

Letter of Transmittal

Once again, it is our pleasure to offer our report for the past year's activities. The audit shows a good financial position at the end of the year with the help of State and Federal Revenue Sharing monies.

The 1968 GMC sand truck was replaced by a new 1974 GMC late in the year. It is hopeful that we will have the authorization to purchase a replacement for the 1963 International. The new 1974 Police Cruiser ordered in 1973 arrived in February of 1974 and is now in use.

Construction on the Hale Bridge began in the fall with the removal of the old bridge and installation of new abutments. The bridge should be completed by late August of 1974.

The signal light at the corner of Main Street and Roxbury Road was installed this summer, however due to confusion of the placement of the lights, they are not operating as well as expected. The State Engineer is now working to correct the situation.

Granite Street from Mitchell Street to Pleasant Street has been completed, with a sidewalk for the children going to school. It is hoped in the near future to complete the remaining section.

Several parcels of town owned property were sold during the year, in keeping with our long range policy of selling all possible tax acquired property as soon as the tax liens expire.

Considerable use has been made of municipal facilities for public meetings. Due to the energy crisis, effective January 1, 1974, the lower hall has been closed to public meetings after 5:00 P.M. Early in the spring, we are hopeful that the hall again can be opened to evening meetings.

The board at this time would like to thank Raynold Blanchette for serving as town manager, and wish him well in the future. We also would like to give our thanks to all town employees for their cooperation with the board and their fine services to the citizens of Mexico.

At the end of this report the board presents its recommendations for the 1974 budget. We have put forward those plans for the benefits of the town and hope that as the elected representatives of the people we have been able to interpret the wishes of the citizens whom we serve.

FRANCIS J. PERRY, Chairman
ROBERT J. REMEIKA
OMER F. BOUTHOT

Mexico Board of Selectmen

Report of Town Manager

On March 5, 1973 I assumed my duties as your town manager. It has been a pleasure to serve you and following is a report of some of the events of the past year.

The Public Employment Program, better known as P.E.P. is still in effect, but it is a possibility that it may end in June. However, it is hopeful that it will be extended.

The construction of the Highway Garage is nearing completion, and we hope to be operating from there by early spring. The garage is certainly going to be a great asset to the town, and to the highway department in particular.

We replaced one of our trucks this year and also purchased a new sander. This fall has been a difficult time for our highway crew because of the over abundance of rain. The summer months were spent preparing Granite Street for paving. A complete system of underground drainage was installed. In addition, some much needed work was done on Leavitt Street, Meadow Street, and Middle Avenue. Middle Avenue will have to be resurfaced in the spring, and hopefully at this time construction will begin on Harlow Hill Road and Backkingdom Road under the Town Road Improvement Fund which is State subsidized.

The Fire and Police Departments have performed admirably under the capable leadership of our chiefs William Whytock and John J. Bernard, Jr.

Civil defense has been under greater expansion than ever before and will hopefully become even more active in 1974.

Progress has been made in the removal of the many dead trees within the town limits.

It is my pleasure to report that ninety-two percent of the 1973 taxes were collected by December 31, 1973.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank the Board of Selectmen, my office staff, other town officials and the citizens for their cooperation throughout the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

RAYNOLD N. BLANCHETTE

Town Manager

Report of Assessors

Real Estate Valuation

	1972		1973
Land	\$1,303,200.00	Land	\$1,318,500.00
Buildings	6,430,050.00	Buildings	6,467,450.00
Total Valuation	\$7,733,250.00	Total Valuation	\$7,785,950.00

\$ 285,600.00	Stock in Trade	\$ 300,750.00
28,000.00	Industrial Stock (industrial inventories)	28,000.00
253,600.00	Production Machinery	130,250.00
43,650.00	Watercraft	46,700.00
3,000.00	Business Equipment (furniture, fixtures)	128,350.00
1,950.00	Cattle	1,100.00
4,350.00	Fowl	4,350.00
	Other Stock	800.00
	All Others	2,950.00
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\$ 620,150.00	Total Personal Property Valuation	\$ 643,250.00

1972		1973
\$ 8,353,400.00	Total Valuation of Real Estate and Personal Property	\$ 8,429,200.00

Respectfully submitted,

TIMOTHY KELCOURSE
THEODORE GOTTO
ARTHUR BORDEAU

AMOUNTS RAISED AND APPROPRIATED

SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS

S.A.D. #43	\$252,415.86	
Oxford County Tax	8,676.00	
Overlay	14,891.59	

		\$275,983.45

APPROPRIATED

General Government	14,853.00
Town Officers' Salaries	22,323.00
Town Office Maintenance	4,182.00
Finance & Audit	800.00
Elections	630.00
Town Reports	950.00
Police Department	37,441.00
Fire Department	29,100.00
Civil Defense	750.00
Street Lights	12,400.00
Hydrant Rental	20,150.00
Health & Welfare	32,296.25
Incinerator	6,200.00
Highway Garage Maintenance	1,536.00
Highway General	38,164.00
Summer Roads	23,100.00
Summer Roads	23,100.00
Winter Roads	56,500.00
Skating Rink	1,400.00
Swimming	600.00
Parks	300.00
Cemeteries	300.00
Maine Municipal Association	602.83
Social Security	7,000.00
Pensions	1,500.00
Maine State Retirement	6,000.00
Contingent	700.00
Chamber of Commerce	1,500.00
Rumford Community Hospital	2,500.00
Athletic Field	1,500.00
Planning	1,000.00

Insurance	11,000.00	
Interest	1,500.00	
Androscoggin Valley Reg. Planning	529.00	
Library	7,000.00	
Spring Cleanup	1,000.00	
Hope Training School	5,000.00	
Support of Mexico Sewer District	5,000.00	
Fire Truck Purchase Fund	8,500.00	
Dubois Ambulance	2,500.00	
Highway Garage Fund	30,000.00	
Recreation Department	1,000.00	
Special Town Meeting of November 27, 1972		
Hale Bridge	24,000.00	
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		<u>\$423,307.08</u>
TOTAL APPROPRIATED AND ASSESSED		\$699,290.53

FROM SURPLUS

Winter Roads	9,500.00
Hope Training School	5,000.00
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Total From Surplus	14,500.00

FROM ANTICIPATED REVENUE

General Government	5,000.00
Town Officers' Salaries	5,500.00
Town Office Maintenance	100.00
Police Department	1,000.00
Civil Defense	300.00
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Total	11,900.00

FROM FEDERAL REVENUE SHARING

Police Department	36,441.00
Fire Department	29,100.00
Hydrant Rental	20,150.00
Summer Roads	19,309.00
Support of Mexico Sewer District	5,000.00
Hale Bridge	24,000.00

Total	134,000.00

FROM OTHER SOURCES

Recreation Department	
(from Rec. Reserve Fund)	1,000.00
Winter Roads (from Excise Taxes)	47,000.00
State Revenue Sharing Money	35,713.73

Total	83,713.73

TOTAL FROM NON-TAXATION SOURCES	<u>351,213.73</u>
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TOTAL TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION	\$455,176.80
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TAX RATE = \$54.00 per THOUSAND DOLLARS VALUATION

Report of Town Clerk

To the citizens of the Town of Mexico:

I hereby submit my report for the year 1973.

The following is a comparative report of vital statistics for 1969, 1970, 1971, 1972, and 1973:

	1973	1972	1971	1970	1969
Births	46	37	55	46	37
Marriages	90	64	73	78	71
Deaths	37	50	39	54	55

The sales of Hunting and Fishing and Dog Licenses for 1969, 1970, 1971, 1972, and 1973:

	1973	1972	1971	1970	1969
Hunting	324	356	389	490	462
Hunting (Duplicates)	6				
Junior Hunting	96	97	101	128	131
Fishing	462	484	557	507	536
Fishing (Duplicates)	2				
Servicemens					
Combination	18	19	27	19	
Combinations	303	262	267	279	248
Dog Licenses	355	293	325	352	344
Kennel License	1	1	1	1	—

Town Meetings and Elections for 1973 were as follows:

Annual Town Meeting -- March 5, 1973

Special Town Election -- May 29, 1973

Special Town Meeting -- June 29, 1973

Special Election -- November 6, 1973

Respectfully submitted,

CALVIN P. LYONS,

Town Clerk

REPORT OF DEATHS FOR 1973

DATE	NAME	AGE	PLACE OF DEATH
1-11-73	Edna M. Stiles	60	Rumford, Maine
2-2-73	Julia A. Turnbull	78	Rumford, Maine
2-18-73	Telix Gogan	79	Rumford, Maine
2-19-73	Emile James Jolin	69	Portland, Maine
2-21-73	Ageline M. Dunlay	88	Rumford, Maine
2-23-73	Elizabeth B. Hickey	70	Portland, Maine
2-28-73	Charles Leonard Rogers	76	Togus, Maine
4-10-73	Raymond R. Maillet	84	Mexico, Maine
4-30-73	Robert Arthur Boyle	63	Togus, Maine
5-12-73	Delia Marchand	89	Rumford, Maine
5-13-73	Maurice Arsenault	64	Dixfield, Maine
5-31-73	Phillip Thibodeau	79	Rumford, Maine
6-26-73	Sadie N. McInnes	88	Mexico, Maine
7-8-73	Phoebe Perry	85	Rumford, Maine
7-9-73	Rupert H. Dorr	63	Rumford, Maine
7-29-73	Walter Bayfield Dymont	52	Rumford, Maine
8-8-73	Valeria Holt Bordeau	73	Rumford, Maine
8-9-73	William MacDonald	87	Rumford, Maine
8-23-73	Milton Douglas Strout	71	Rumford, Maine
9-21-73	Lucy E. Ward	88	Rumford, Maine
9-26-73	Luella E. Henry	70	Temple, Maine
9-29-73	J. Howard Jamison	62	Rumford, Maine
10-9-73	Cora K. Hatch	83	Mexico, Maine
10-10-73	Irving Blanchard Kimball	79	Rumford, Maine
10-15-73	Armeda Sargent	60	Rumford, Maine
10-19-73	Phyllis Couture	55	Rumford, Maine
10-25-73	Joseph P. Parady	78	Rumford, Maine
11-4-73	Charles W. Goodine	69	Rumford, Maine
11-4-73	Cecelia Ricci	52	Lewiston, Maine
11-7-73	Wilfred Henry LaCroix	72	Rumford, Maine
11-14-73	Ida May Waugh	61	Mexico, Maine
11-17-73	Adolph Lindau	84	Mexico, Maine
11-17-73	Richard Brown	42	Portland, Maine
12-13-73	Michael Salatino	1 Mo. 3 days	Portland, Maine
12-18-73	Nellie Ruth King	60	Mexico, Maine
12-25-73	Arthur LaBossiere	79	Rumford, Maine
12-27-73	Albert Arsenault	60	Portland, Maine

Report of Treasurer

STATEMENT OF CASH AND DISBURSEMENTS

Year Ended December 31, 1973

CASH BALANCE - December 31, 1972	\$72,992.34
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RECEIPTS

Tax Collections 1973	\$414,387.71
1973 Excise Taxes	51,221.45
1974 Excise Taxes	5,718.77
Payroll Account	201,441.29
Temporary Loan	70,000.00
Police Court Fee	1,070.00
Federal Revenue Sharing 1972	147,144.00
Federal Revenue Sharing 1973	13,144.00
State Revenue Sharing	35,713.73
Trust Funds	23.52
Departmental Receipts	75,926.89
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	1,086,783.70

WARRANTS DRAWN	979,014.41
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BALANCE - December 31, 1973	<hr/> \$109,769.29
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Respectfully submitted,

CALVIN P. LYONS,

Treasurer

Report of Tax Collector

1973 TAXES Year Ended December 31, 1973

1973 Commitment	\$490,890.53
Supplementals	13.50
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	\$490,904.03
Cash receipts	413,769.71
Abatements	267.30
Discounts	948.41
State Revenue Sharing	35,713.73
Transfer to Town Owned Property	710.10
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	451,409.25
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Taxes Receivable December 31, 1973	\$ 39,494.78

PRIOR YEARS

	Total	1972	1971	1970	1969
Balance Dec. 31,					
1973	\$46,631.88	\$43,856.26	\$717.75	\$1,668.27	\$389.60
Additions:					
Supplemental Taxes	148.28	148.40	0.00	0.00	0.00
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	\$46,780.28	\$44,004.66	\$717.75	\$1,668.27	\$389.60
Deductions:					
Cash Collections	\$24,875.96	\$24,139.76	\$ 3.00	\$ 733.20	\$ 0.00
Abatements	257.00	145.80	15.60	0.00	95.60
Tax Liens	18,515.10	18,515.10	0.00	0.00	0.00
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Total Deductions	\$43,648.06	\$42,800.66	\$ 18.60	\$ 733.20	\$ 95.60
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Balance Dec. 31,					
1973	\$ 3,132.22	\$1,204.00	\$699.15	\$ 935.07	\$294.00

1973 Resident Taxes Receivable

Abbott, Norman and Arlene	91.80	Brown, Vernon	121.50
Allen, Frances	477.90	Buckingham, Perley and Alda	332.10
Allen, Frances	267.30	Buckingham, William and Gloria	280.80
Ames, Charles, Jr.	558.90	††Buotte, Clarence	29.70
Arsenault, Andrew C. and Elizabeth	210.60	Burgess, David and Marlene	302.40
Arsenault, Augustine	305.10	Byron, Richard and Marcia	394.20
Arsenault, Heirs of Bessie	102.60	†Carrier, Marc R. and Arlene Arlene G.	414.87
†Arsneault, Edgar J. and Albertine	126.80	Chiasson, Robert	7.10
Arsenault, Leo Paul	126.90	Christie, Lindon E. Sr. and and Jean F.	288.69
Arsenault, Raymond	116.10	Daigle, Alcide and Lillian	37.80
Arsenault, Roland	8.10	Daigle, Maurice and Patricia	75.60
Austin, Allen	297.00	Dawson, Robert	407.70
Bauer, Maurice and Elsie	267.30	DiConzo, Dorothy	437.40
Bedard, Francis	658.80	Delepine, Roger O. and Martha B.	267.30
Belanger, Leo A. and Claire M.	216.00	Deraspe, Albert and Beatrice	293.40
Bernard, Regina	94.50	Dorr, Howard C. and Dorothy	157.43
Bernard, Robert and Mabel	129.60	Doyen, Archie H.	13.50
Bernard, Roger d-b-a	64.80	Doyen, Earl	81.00
Bernard, Roger d-b-a	54.00	†Duguay, Kenneth and Barbara Jean	47.20
Blaisdell, Mary H.	143.10	Dunlay, John R. and Nancy	445.50
Blaisdell, Priscilla D.	183.60	Ellis, John C. and Joyce H.	172.80
††Blaisdell, Richard C. and Marilyn	356.40	Ferland, Arthur W. and Janet	294.30
Blanchard, Nora and Paul P. and Edna		†Fontaine, Ernest and Germine	307.80
Edna McKinnon	388.80		
Bordeau, Arthur	93.81		
Bordeau, Mary M.	426.60		
Bordeau, Valeria H.	174.26		
Bousquet, Irene	585.90		
Bradbury, Thomas	139.30		
Brown, Durwood L. and Sally	191.70		

Foster, Norman	164.70	Litalien, David and Suzanne	464.40
		Litalien, Catherine d-b-a	29.70
Gallant, Joseph	253.80	Lizotte, Violette and Robert McKenna	67.50
Gallant, Reggie d-b-a	29.70	Lowell, Glenda	342.90
Gellately, Oriel	264.60	Lyons, Robert and Bernadette	288.90
Goguen, Nery	386.10		
Goodrich, Richard	153.90		
Gotto, John F. and Win- Winnefred	934.20	Marston, Mary R. and Harry	224.10
Gould, Alice	97.20	Marston, Wallace and Rita	226.80
Harkness, Heirs of Lewis	43.20	Marston, Wallace and Rita	99.90
Harkness, Wayne	21.60	Marston, Walter Sr.	43.20
Harlow, Robert E. and and Marjorie	440.10	Martin, Camille	32.40
Harlow, Walter B. and Robert E.	33.75	Martin, Rudolph and Eleanor	367.20
Heath, Idella	502.20	Martin, Stephen R.	13.50
Henry, Donald L.	178.20	McDonald, Theodore and Rebecca	305.10
Henry, Eugene	172.80	McPherson, Gerald and and Virginia	326.70
Hickey, Lillie B.	340.20	Merchant, Earl (Buddy) and Sally	32.27
†Holbrook, George and Elizabeth	140.00	††Moore, Ida	105.30
Holmquist, Clifford and Georgette	297.00	Moore, Mary Louise	100.00
Hutchinson, Douglas and Sarah P.	321.30	Moore, Robert C. and Nila L. Owes Int. 2.37	53.70
Jamison, Charles	24.30	Murphy, David	189.00
Jamison, Richard and Darlene	178.20		
Jodrey, John	205.20		
		Oullette, Arthur and Beryl	572.40
LeBlanc, Heirs of Gerald	10.80	Ouellette, Arthur B. and Anna D.	369.90
Leckey, Wesley and Walter M.	207.90		
LeFebvre, Julian	143.10		
Lemay, Leonard H. and Helen	156.60	Palmer, Stanley and Leah	286.20
Libby, Carroll and Thelma	194.40	Parker, Delma J. Jr. and Rena	148.50
Libby, Charles A.	97.20	Paul, Edmond H.	16.20

Pelletier, Lillian	685.80	Spaulding, Basil and	
Perry, Dorothy	248.40	Leoña	16.20
Philbrick, Carlene	172.80	Stearns, George R.	24.30
Philbrick, Charles and		Swett, Forest	110.70
Harlan	294.30		
Philbrick, Charles	64.80	†Tanguay, Theodore	222.60
Piper, Arthur	81.00	Thereau, Richard	8.10
†Preble, Mary R.	196.90	Therault, Lawrence and	
††Rancourt, Edmon and		Nancy	259.20
Paula	291.60	Thibodeau, Joseph Sr.,	
Reed, Dwight and		Heirs of	108.00
Natalie	291.60	††Thibodeau, Victor	13.50
Richard, Harry D. and		Thurston, Walter and	
Rose M.	421.20	Dora E.	251.10
††Richard, Jacques, Jr.		††Tidswell, Earland E.	21.60
and Gloria J.	94.20	Tonolini, James and	
Richards, Heirs of F. Allen	5.40	Lorette	167.40
Richardson, Lester Jr.		Touchette, Joseph R. and	
and Gloria	226.80	Kathleen	299.70
††Richmond, Albert	.11	Tozier, David and Jean	313.20
Ross, Jean	224.10	††Treadwell, Harvey L. and	
Rowe, William	27.00	Joleen C.	
Rowley, Bernice	5.65	Treadwell, Harvey L.	259.20
Roy, Raymond A. and		†Trynor, Lucinda	37.80
Elaine	211.14	Trynor, Lucinda	4.26
Roy, Raymond	569.70	Turbide, Elaine	494.10
		Turbide, Lionel and	
Sargent, Stanley	156.60	Maxcy	18.11
Sargent, Verdell	124.20		
Schmersal, Henry		Vallee, Lawrence	29.70
and Christine	16.20	Virgin, Heirs of A. D.	352.53
Schmersal, Henry			
and Christine	37.80	Waleik, Daniel L.	13.50
Sciaraffa, Joseph	27.00	Wardwell, Clyde and	
Shatney, Octavia and		Florence	1,158.30
Heirs of Mabel White	8.10	Wardwell, Clyde	5.40
Sinclair, Rexford W.		Wardwell, Clyde	121.50
and Patricia J.	413.10	Wardwell, Clyde and	
Smith, Margaret and		Florence	423.90
Harry L.	172.80	Wardwell, Clyde d-b-a	16.20
Smith, Harry L.	10.80	Wardwell, Clyde and	
Spaulding, Basil	245.70	Donald	8.10

Waugh, Wilfred	221.40	White, Richard	5.40
Weeks, Clayton and Rachel	267.30	Williams, Homer and Eleanor	237.60
Welch, John	221.40	Williams, James and Marsha	21.60
Weston, Robert B.	24.10	Wills, Dev. of Arthur	1,061.10
White, Ernest M. Jr. and Nattie	437.40	Witas, Heirs of Adam	164.70
White, I. Fulton and Anna	129.60	Witas, Joanne	189.00
White, Issac and Anna Mable	64.80	Woods, Ronald and June	69.35
		Wotton, Frank E.	221.40

1973 Non-Resident Taxes Receivable

Bernard, Roland J.	315.90	Goguen, Raymond	10.80
Bernard, Roland J. and Theresa M.	43.20	Haines, William	.23
Bernard, Roland J.	16.20	Howard, Charles	356.40
Bolduc, Peter J. and Nancy	880.20	Hodgkins, Robert M. Sr.	189.00
Bradford, Daniel E.	13.50	Nokes, E. Theodore, Jr.	910.20
†Bixby, James R.	64.80	Nokes, E. Theodore, Jr.	108.00
Daniel, Julianne	102.60	Parent, Robert and Gail	351.00
Dipompo, Rick	135.00	Storer, Timothy	121.50
††Ferris Music Co.	324.00	Swett, Doris	27.00
Fontaine, Henry	1.92		

Tax Liens

Year Ending December 31, 1973

	1972	1971	Total
Allen, Frances	495.60		495.60
Allen, Frances	277.20		277.20
Arsenault, Bessey Heirs of	106.40		106.40
Blaisdell, Mary	130.02		130.02
Bolduc, Peter and Nancy	912.80		912.80
Brown, Vernon	126.00	30.24	156.24
Buckingham, Perley and Alda	344.40		344.40
Chambers, Timothy (Supp)	268.80		268.80
Gellately, Oriel	67.48		67.48
Gould, Alice	100.80		100.80
Henry, Arthur Heirs of	240.80		240.80
Henry, Donald	134.40		134.40
Horne, Richard	383.60		383.60
Hutchinson, R. Douglas and Sara	333.20		333.20
Jamison, Richard and Darlene	184.80		184.80
Knapp, Kathleen	11.20		11.20
Knapp, Leslie	22.40		22.40
Mexico Flying Club	39.20		39.20
McDonald, Theodore and Rebecca	316.40		316.40
Ouellette, Arthur and Beryl	593.60		593.60
Ouellette, Arthur B. and Anna D.	77.60		77.60
Parker, Delma Jr.	98.00		98.00
Pelletier, Lillian	587.56		587.56
Philbrick, Joseph and Carleen	50.40		50.40
Ronan, Joan	73.60		73.60
Roy, Raymond and Elaine	590.80	413.94	1004.74
Sargent, Stanley	170.80		170.80
Shatney, Octavia and Mable White	8.40		8.40
Thibodeau, Joseph Sr. Heirs of	89.43		89.43

Thurlow, Walter and Dora	260.40	260.40
Turbide, Elaine	512.40	512.40
Virgin, A. D. Heirs of	228.49	228.49
Wardwell, Clyde and Florence	219.53	219.53
Wardwell, Clyde and Florence	389.60	389.60
Wardwell, Clyde and Florence	543.20	543.20
Waugh, Wilfred	240.80	240.80
Welch, John	207.20	207.20
White, I. Fulton	.16	.16
White, Robert and Leona	106.40	106.40
Williams, Homer	246.40	246.40
Williams, James	22.40	22.40
Witas, Adam Heirs of	170.80	170.80
Witas, Joanne	196.00	196.00
Zinck, John	28.00	28.00
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Totals: \$10,207.47	\$444.18	\$10,651.65

Town Owned Property

Amount	Name	
17.32	Abbott, F. Q.	East ½ lot 144 and 145 Mexico Village Addition
19.74	Coolidge, April	Adjacent to lot 334 Mexico Village Addition
132.29	Doyen, Bert	Land, Tax Map U-19 Lot 52A
31.77	Eastman, W. D.	Meadow lot formerly owned by W. D. Willoughby
215.61	Fleury, Anesime	Lot 454 Oxford Park
104.75	Goodwin, B. W.	West ¼ lot 963 and 970 Richard Purchase
1,055.42	Libby, Iza	Building and Land Tax Map U-8 Parcel 21
770.75	Libby, Edward	X Building and Land Map U-11 Parcel 15
32.45	Linnell, Raleigh	Land bounded (n) Stanford Carver (e) R. A. Richards (s) Richards Avenue (w) Route # 2.
3.00.	Packard, S. D.	Lot 331 Village Addition Mexico
38.34	Pacquett, Paul	Timberland bounded (w) W. F. Chase (e) Austin Farm (w) Chase Place (s) Chase Brook
522.83	Paul, Edmond	1958 Rembrant trailer 10' x 41'
29.75	Penley, T. W. Heirs	Land, Map U-17 Parcel 122B
	Richmond and O'Neill	Lots 24, 39, 40, 48, and 55 Highland Terrace—430 x 170
47.73	Robbins, John	Jackson orchard formerly part of B. J. Taylor Farm
314.50	Sargent, Gerald and Dorothy	Building and Land Map U-18, Parcels 62 and 63
93.45	Scott, Reginald	Land bounded (n) William Sinclair (e) R. Feronden (s) Yarnish (w) Quirion

23.47	St. Pierre	With 15' of Zenas Hall, Lot 5
	Swain and Reed	Land Lot 26, L. H. Reed Field
24.80	Town of Mexico	Lot 49 Harlow Hill Hgts.
39.39	Trask, Wade	Orchard adjacent to Brown and Marshall
1,292.50	Warren, Edward	X Land Map R-4 Parcel 33 <i>map sheet A 50 x 100 x 130 x 56</i>
	Austin, Allen	X Building and Land Map U-11, Parcel 96
135.20	Marston, Walter, Sr.	Building-Trailer-Installation Map U-18, Parcel 12A
1,098.50	Parent, Robert and Gail	Building and Land Map U-11, Parcel 10 <i>65 x 100 River</i>
'16.90	Wardwell, Clyde	X Land, Map U-15, Parcel 1A <i>85 x 80</i>
25.35	Wardwell, Clyde and Donald	X Land, Map U-10, Parcel 16 <i>50 x 100</i>
141.60	Casco Bank	Land, Map U-11, Parcel 178 <i>water pt. 135 x 110 x 155 x 50 x 67</i>
16.90	Richards, F. Allen, Heirs of	Land, Map U-7, Parcel 41A

\$6,244.31

Prior Years Taxes Receivable

	Total	1972	1971	1970	1969
Ames, Charles Jr.	5.60	5.60			
Crawford, Thomas	5.90		5.90		
Daigle, Maurice and Patricia	114.40	78.40		36.00	
Gallant, Reginald, d/b/a	100.60	30.80	23.60	46.20	
Gallant, Reginald	14.75		14.75		
Gilbert, Harold and Kathleen	28.75	14.00	14.75		
Howard, Charles	278.67			278.67	
L'Italien, Catherine	30.80	30.80			
Lloyd's Lumber Com- pany	1,748.50	392.00	501.50	561.00	294.00
Mann, Kent	5.60	5.60			
Provencher, Edward	16.80	16.80			
Provencher, Roland	5.60	5.60			
Storer, Timothy	126.85		126.85		
Thereau, Richard	8.40	8.40			
Wardwell, Clyde	81.00	56.00	11.80	13.20	
Welch, John	11.20	11.20			
White, Richard	5.60	5.60			
Bolduc, Peter J.	84.00	84.00			
Errington, Ronald	11.20	11.20			
Howard, Charles	196.00	196.00			
U-Haul Trailers	56.00	56.00			
Ralston Purina Company	196.00	196.00			
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Totals:	\$3,132.22	1,204.00	699.15	935.07	294.00

Report of Fire Department

To the Citizens of the Town of Mexico, I hereby submit for your consideration, the report of the Fire Department for the year 1973.

The department had a total of 58 calls for the year as listed below:

False Alarms	14
Bell	5
Flooded Oil Burners	8
Truck Fire	1
Spilled Oil	3
Chimney	2
Grass	9
Woodfires	3
Overtured trucks	2
Camp	1
Caused by smoking	2
Electric motors	1
Gasoline Spill	1
Busted water pipes	1
Tree House	1
Car Fires	3
Rumford	1

I wish to take this opportunity to thank every citizen of the Town of Mexico, the Board of Selectmen, and the Town Manager for assisting us in all ways during the past year.

Respectfully Submitted,

WILLIAM WHYTOCK, Chief

Mexico Fire Department

Report of Police Chief

Again this year I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to the many people and agencies that have assisted and supported the Mexico Police Department in our efforts to provide the best possible service to the Town of Mexico. I would hope that all who have had contact with us have come away with a better understanding of the need for Law Enforcement and its importance in this community and elsewhere in our country.

During the past year our officers have undergone many hours of training in the furtherance of their job skills. Myself, Sgt. Averill, and Officer Young are presently continuing through evening courses. This past summer, Officer Kennedy, with the aid of our Police Assistant Doug White, set up a Firearms Training Course Range at the Athletic Field off Roxbury Road. This range is also made available to other area Law Enforcement Agencies, such as; the Rumford and Dixfield Police Departments, Oxford County Sheriff Department, Maine State Police, Maine Game Warden Service, Maine State Liquor Inspectors. At the range emphasis is placed on the proper and safe use of the service firearms. All of our officers have attended many individual training sessions of various topics. Education and training are firm requirements for a police officer if he is to stay abreast of this constantly changing field.

The current "Energy Crisis" that this country is presently experiencing poses a new set of Law Enforcement problems. Unemployment and the scarcity of certain items will invariably have their impact on this area as well. I would like to ask all of our townspeople to assist us by becoming aware of what is going on around their own homes and by making us aware as well. If we all get involved, we can clear up a lot of our problems by becoming a deterrent against crime.

In closing I wish to thank especially the members of the Mexico Police Department, our Constables and Police Matron, the Town Manager, the Board of Selectmen, and all the townspeople for their support and cooperation in the interest of better Law Enforcement and a safer community. I and the members of this department are looking **forward** to being of service and assistance to all in the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN J. BERNARD, JR. Chief

Mexico Police Department

TOWN OF MEXICO

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TRAFFIC OFFENSES

Operating under the influence of alcohol	16
Driving to endanger	6
Leaving the scene of an accident	5
Speeding	70
Operating without a license	21
Operating an unregistered motor vehicle	7
All other motor vehicle violations	43
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Totals	168

CRIMES AGAINST THE PERSON

Assault, felony	1
Assault, simple	8
Contributing to the delinquency of a minor	2
Affray	2
Disorderly conduct	19
Trespassing	16
Threatening communications	1
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Total	49

CRIMES AGAINST PROPERTY

Larceny, Grand	1
Larceny, Simple	5
Breaking, entering and larceny, Nighttime	3
Malicious Mischief	3
Possession of Stolen Property \$500.00 value or more	1
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Total	13

ALL OTHER OFFENSES 35

JUVENILE OFFENSES 14

Total Arrest and Summons for 1973 279

ANNUAL REPORT

	Total Number of Accidents Reported	Accidents Over \$200.00 Damage	Accidents Under \$200.00 Damage	Number of Persons Injured	Number of Persons Fatally Injured	Estimated Property and Vehicle Damage
January	10	5	5	3	0	\$ 3,650.00.
February	14	6	8	1	0	3,075.00
March	15	6	9	5	1	8,025.00
April	14	6	8	1	0	3,850.00
May	10	8	2	4	0	9,300.00
June	13	9	4	2	0	17,225.00
July	11	6	5	5	0	3,400.00
August	17	5	12	10	0	6,450.00
September	11	6	5	0	0	5,675.00
October	13	7	6	1	0	6,275.00
November	12	5	7	2	0	4,475.00
December	14	8	6	0	0	3,575.00
Totals	154	77	77	34	1	\$74,975.00

	Accidents	Arrests	Complaints
1968	115	76	304
1969	212	218	482
1970	138	111	518
1971	139	136	1,007
1972	171	241	1,086
1973	154	279	972

COMPLAINTS FOR 1973

Disturbances	Service Request	Larceny Reports	Animal Complaints	Total
485	287	88	112	972

Report of Civil Defense Director

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Mexico:

The year of 1973 has been a very active one for the Civil Defense Department. Early in the spring when there was danger of a flood, we evacuated several families from their homes to shelters until it was safe to return.

During the year I have attended many meetings throughout the area to become better acquainted with all aspects of Civil Defense. During the second week of November we conducted a mock disaster drill to benefit the Police Department, Fire Department, Ambulance Service, and the Hospital. The main objective was to test the efficiency of each department. It was considered a successful drill.

In November the Oxford County Civil Defense Department requested community welfare center inventory of the supplies and buildings in the immediate area available in case of an emergency. The Town of Mexico has 13 buildings that would house refugees in times of flood or other dangers.

Due to the energy crisis the Civil Defense Department is requesting information on fuel storage capacity within the town.

The Town has been fortunate to receive federal funding for administrative expenses including one of the two telephone lines in the Town Office.

The following is a list of personnel in the Civil Defense Program:

Director: Raynold N. Blanchette
Assistant Director: Frederick Hayden
Chief of Communications: Leo Dyer
Chief of Police Services: John Bernard, Jr.
Chief of Fire Services: William Whytock
Chief of Public Works: Walter Dyer
Chief of Medical Services: Thomas Ellis
Director of Women Services: Patricia Thomas
Chief of R.A.D.E.F.: Calvin P. Lyons

Respectfully Submitted,

RAYNOLD N. BLANCHETTE,

Director of Civil Defense

Report of Planning Board

Mexico, Maine
January 14, 1974

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of the Town of Mexico:

Planning may be defined as "The systematic selection of desirable change." Four elements are incorporated into this. Namely, goal, objective, project and priority. The important thing is to keep all elements flexible — adjustable to new conditions — and subject to the wishes and desires of the townspeople within the confines of the current laws. To cite several of particular import now relating to shoreland zoning: Chapter 564, sections 4811-4814, of Title 12 revised Statutes.

The first part of 1973 was spent by the planning board in completing shoreland zoning, town zoning and a new building code. These were presented through the town warrant to the voters at our last annual town meeting. Acceptance was given through hand vote ballot.

In the immediate post period controversy arose throughout the town regarding various aspects of these ordinances and alternatives. Two special hearings were held to discuss all phases of these regulations. A special town referendum was called, advertised and a vote taken by Australian ballot. This action resulted in the abolishment of the prior local legislation.

The summer months were a period of recess for the board of planning. The latter part of September we convened as a board at which time I was appointed Chairman to replace the vacancy created by the resignation of Mr. Thomas Carey. At this time we voted to concentrate our efforts jointly with the recreation committee to help them in any possible way. Currently under consideration is planning toward a Bicentennial (American Revolution) observance.

In conclusion, I would express appreciation to each member of the board for their helpfulness and understanding. To the citizens for their tolerance and the selectmen for their support.

Respectfully submitted,
on behalf of the planning board,

AUSTIN M. RANKS, Chairman

Report of Health Officer

To the Honorable Selectmen, Town Manager, and Citizens of Mexico:

I hereby submit my report as Health Officer of the Town of Mexico for January 1, 1973 to December 31, 1973.

General Inspection

Investigating Improperly heated buildings	1
Inspecting private dumps	none
Inspecting Cesspools and Septic Tanks	3
Inspecting Public Buildings	none
Inspecting sewer and drinking water	1
Investigating unsanitary conditions	3
Investigating basements	none

Contagious and Reportable Diseases

Mumps	4
German Measles	6
Scarlet Fever	8
Chicken Pox	10
Infectious Hepatitis	3
Bacillary Dysentery (Shigellois)	1

It has come to my attention, via complaints registered, that some residents of the Town of Mexico are placing garbage or trash outside on sidewalks or streets two or three days before garbage collection.

After even a day, dogs or cats will get into these plastic garbage bags and tear them open, creating an unsightly and unsanitary area. There is a State law against littering and this is simply a case of littering. As Health Officer, I will enforce this law in the future.

It must be emphasized that some of our residents do not trouble themselves to find out the time or date of collection in their area. Please check newspapers and the local radio station for collection time and dates in your area especially on a holiday. If there is no collection please do not put out trash until following week.

Residents with septic tanks or cesspools are requested to check them in the spring of the year to stop complaints.

Mothers are urged to report all contagious diseases to either the Health Officer or to the Town Office.

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS H. ELLIS

Health Officer, Town of Mexico

Report of Social Worker

This past year has been very rewarding, due to the fact that clients have been more willing to discuss their problems, and accept our suggestions or referrals. Clients were all treated fairly and equally, with respect to the taxpayer's money.

As in the previous year, the welfare caseload was rather heavy due to the economic situation of this area. Many of my clients were enrolled in the Win Program through the efforts of the Department of Health and Welfare. In doing so, they have gone on to further training, and gainful employment.

I have worked with many different organizations, all proving most helpful to me.

The Food Distribution Program has been very successful, although word has it that it will be phased out this coming June. Hopefully, a Food Stamp Program will be implemented in the near future.

Respectfully submitted,

DORIS BUOTTE,

Social Worker

Report of Androscoggin Home Health Service

At no time in our recent history have we experienced a year so filled with uncertainties, surprises, and crises with such grave implications for the future stability of American Life. Organizations, like individuals, have not been immune to the events of 1973 and this, of course, includes the Androscoggin Home Health Services.

Despite the upheavals, economic and otherwise, of the recently concluded year, we at the A.H.H.S. believe that our services to the "Tri-County" public were strengthened during the year, and view 1974 with guarded optimism in terms of our ability to continue to improve and expand our service offerings.

During the first eleven months of 1973 our home health care program served some 1,350 individual patients in the region, obviously impacting quite directly on the lives of countless others related in one way or another to these patients. Home care consists of such services as nursing, physical therapy, homemaking, and home health aide care, provided individually or in various combinations to sick patients in their own homes. Collectively, over 30,000 units (visits) of these services were provided. For many of these 1,350 patients, the fact that home care was available meant shorter hospital stays; for others, it meant being at home rather than in a nursing or boarding home facility.

In addition to the home care program, we provided a variety of senior citizen health clinics throughout the year. These consisted of a general health screening program, flu shot clinics in some communities, and a region-wide glaucoma screening clinic, all co-sponsored by Project Independence and administered on a no-charge basis. Results of the screening clinics were quite remarkable in terms of the large number of physical problems uncovered, most of which represented correctible, or at least controllable problems. One can only speculate on the potential amount of future health care expenditures saved for those who prevented a health crisis through early detection of a disease.

Early in 1973 the agency assumed a new role of major significance. Under contract to the Maine Department of Health and Welfare, we are now responsible for assuring that some 6,000 children

eligible for Medicaid benefits in Androscoggin and Oxford counties receive periodic health assessments. This is a nationwide program with emphasis on prevention of medical problems, rather than on the more costly practice of crisis interventions.

In Mexico our staff provided 529 home care visits to 36 patients during the first 11 months of 1973. These visits included nursing, physical therapy and home health aide care. Additionally, some thirty senior citizens visited our glaucoma detection and general health screening clinics. The overall cost of providing these services was slightly in excess of \$7,000, of which \$1,700 was given without charge. Mexico's 1973 appropriation assisted greatly in enabling absorption of this deficit; we are indebted to the citizens for this needed help.

Respectfully submitted,

RICHARD H. HOOPER

Executive Director

Report of Mexico Free Public Library

Circulations

Adult non fiction	1886
Adult fiction	3278
Junior non fiction	527
Junior fiction	1065
Children	4667
Periodicals	1137
Records	35
Total circulation	12595

Special Services

Books borrowed from State Library	60
Classes visiting Library	3
Registration of new patrons	114

Library hours

Monday through Thursday	2-5 and 6-9 P.M.
Friday	2-5 P.M.
Childrens room	
Monday to Friday	2:30 to 4:30 P.M.

Staff

Librarian	Elaine Mitchell
Children's room aide	Rebecca Voter
Part time aides	Lorna Jepson
	Denise Doughty
	Diane Harlow
	Molly Ladd

Mrs. Gertrude Thomas retired September 1, 1973, after twelve years in the library, ten of these years as Librarian. We all would like to thank her for her dedication to the library.

We wish to thank all who have given money, books, and magazines or other gifts; also the people who have given gifts in memory of friends or relatives.

Respectfully submitted,

ELAINE MITCHELL

Report of Mexico Recreation Committee

As voted in Article 30 of last year's warrant, the Mexico Recreation Department was established. Upon this department lay the responsibility for policy determination and administration of recreation within the Town of Mexico. The appointed board believes they have fulfilled the duties of this department.

In the year 1973 we have been openly active in many areas. We have given assistance to the little league, the pony league, held a street dance and sponsored a donkey baseball game. We met with the local snowmobile club to see if we could work together in making trails for winter use and during the summer as hiking trails. We met with citizens of the Duntile Street area to see if we could help in a second skating rink for the children of this area. We consented to have water piped to the area for flooding of the rink, if the citizens would flood and maintain it. It will be the Department's responsibility to run and maintain the skating rink at St. Theresa's parking area. The committee in charge of this rink will be Mr. Earl Brown, Mr. Joseph Nasatowicz, and Mr. Harry Richard.

The board believes that Mexico is lacking in many areas of recreation. One example would be the lack of playgrounds, so we have tried to make this our main project, along with building two full size tennis courts. We are in hope of being able to obtain Federal and State Matching Funds for both of these projects. It is the belief of the board that this first year was very productive, in so much as the Town of Mexico has started a good recreation program for our children and for the adult citizens of the town. It is our hope that the townspeople will accept and pass the article in this year's warrant to allow the Board of Recreation the privilege to be able to continue serving the town in a recreational capacity.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT J. REMEIKA, Chairman
FLORENCE McLAFFERTY, Treasurer
FRANK STOUTAMYER, Secretary
EARL BROWN, Member
JOSEPH NASATOWICZ, Member
HARRY RICHARDS, Alternate Member

Report of Ambulance Service

Town of Mexico
Main Street
Mexico, Maine

To the Board of Selectmen and citizens of the Town of Mexico.

The following report is on all ambulance calls for 1973.

Total calls	72
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Sick calls

Rumford Hospital	41
Me. Medical Ctr.	5
Togus	4
C.M.G.	3
Mass. General	2
Accidents	12
Duds	5

Sincerely yours,

JOSEPH F. DUBOIS, SR.

Report of Rumford-Mexico Solid Waste Board

The members of the Rumford-Mexico Solid Waste Board supervised the operation of the incinerator and the fill area for the year 1973.

The regular operators, Eugene Jacques and Cleston Garneau, handled the incinerator and the surrounding area in a manner which has kept pollution at a minimum.

The screen at the top of the tepee was replaced and the interior of the tepee was relined with metal panels.

Operational costs were kept well within the budget.

The Board wishes to thank residents of both towns for their cooperation while at the incinerator.

Respectfully submitted,

OMER BOUTHOT, Chairman
FRANCIS PERRY, Treasurer
HENRY GIROUX, Secretary
WARREN HOPKINS, Member
PAUL FULLER, Member
ROBERT REMEIKA, Member

REPORT OF AUDITOR
RUMFORD and MEXICO
SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL BOARD

January 8, 1974

To the Honorable Board Members
Solid Waste Disposal Board
Mexico, Maine

Gentlemen:

I hereby certify that I have audited the accounts of the Solid Waste Board for the period ending December 31, 1973 and present a simple statement reflecting the results of the operation for the year ending.

All receipts were checked with the Treasurer, warrants for expenditures were verified, transfers were supported by a vote of the Board. The ledger was checked with the postings from the warrants, appropriations and receipts.

The Treasurer's balance was verified with the statement from the Maine National Bank.

The cash on hand at the end of the year consisted of the following unexpended balances:

Salaries	\$1,107.66
Repairs to Buildings and Conveyers	834.06
Operation of Motorized Equipment	45.88
Utilities	679.21
Contingent	8,327.76
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	\$10,994.57

To the best of my knowledge and belief, the statement herewith submitted reflects as near as possible the true financial condition of the Board at the close of the year.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM F. PERKINS, P.A.

Auditor for the Board

REPORT OF AUDITOR
RUMFORD and MEXICO
SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL BOARD

Receipts		Expenditures	
Balance on Hand January 1, 1974		Salaries	\$22,793.97
Misc.	\$12,721.54	Repairs to Buildings	3,707.75
Appropriations by:	35.00	and Conveyers	
Town of Rumford	\$24,800.00	Operation of Motorized	3,882.98
Town of Mexico	6,200.00	Equipment	
	-----	Utilities	1,093.13
		Contingent	1,284.14

	31,000.00	Total Expenditures	\$32,761.97
		Balance on Hand December 31, 1973	10,994.57

			\$43,756.54

Transfers	
Debit:	
Contingent	\$2,000.00
Credit:	
Repairs to Bldgs. and Conveyers	\$2,000.00

Report of Mexico Sewer District

The Mexico Sewer District had a busy year. It was decided early in the year to do as much construction as possible to get ready for the new Sewer System before they started to build in Mexico.

Following is a list of new lines constructed this past year. Granite Street, Oxford Street, South Main Street, Summit Street, Fourth Street, Osgood Avenue, Porter Bridge Street, Middle Avenue, Whitman Street, and extensions on Backkingdom Road.

We realize there are sections still not hooked to the District System and as soon as possible we plan to construct new lines to these areas.

The District wishes to express our thanks to the following people for making it possible to serve the people of Mexico. Mrs. Aleck and Mrs. Williams who take care of the book work and the telephone calls so efficiently. The Town Manager and his staff, Mr. Dyer and the highway crew who do the unpleasant work day and night for us. We want Edmond Maillet to know how much we appreciate all the good work he has done for us in the past and especially in 1973. Our construction plans would not be nearly as complete without his personal interest.

Our many thanks to the residents of the areas where work was being done for their help and consideration at trying times.

The Coffin and Richardson Engineering Firm gave us an excellent report that Mexico Sewer District System has been approved by the Federal and State Departments.

We are looking forward to a good productive year in 1974 and hope to see the new system get underway. It has been a pleasure serving the people of Mexico for the year.

LAWRENCE SANDERS
RAYMOND CHABOT
OMER VAILLANCOURT

Mexico Sewer District

Report of Rumford-Mexico Sewerage District

The Rumford-Mexico Sewerage District met regularly during the year. Until October all meetings were held at the Mexico Town Hall. Beginning in October meetings were held at office space located on the second floor of the Maine National Bank building which space was rented at a nominal fee in anticipation of the district's requirements from now through the construction period. The Board wishes to express its appreciation to the Town of Mexico for the use of its facilities over the past two and a half years.

Pat Defilipp and Nicholas Puiia were re-appointed to the Board for a three year term by the Boards of Selectmen of the Towns of Mexico and Rumford respectively. Officers of the Board for the year 1973 remained unchanged.

Final plans for all required facilities including capacity to treat Dixfield and Peru sewage as required by the State D.E.P. were submitted to the State and forwarded to the Federal E.P.A. prior to the June 1st deadline. However, a freeze on federal funding has delayed any further progress toward going to construction and other delaying requirements have been imposed by E.P.A. An environmental impact hearing was required and was held at the Mexico Town Hall on June 19.

The Town of Rumford was required to adopt a system of user charges to pay Rumford's share of the operating and maintenance costs of the district and finally the district was required to make an infiltration/inflow analysis at existing facilities in Rumford and Mexico at an estimated cost of \$25,000 and causing an additional delay of several months. An attempt to obtain relief from this requirement was made without success. The Board then voted to proceed with the analysis.

We believe that start of construction has been delayed at least a year beyond our previously anticipated starting date. We now anticipate that if federal funding is assured by January 1st 1974 construction may be started in the spring of 1974.

Our operating budget for 1974 has been established at \$16,500 but in as much as the anticipated activity for 1973 did not materialize

there will be sufficient funds still available at the end of 1973 to fund the 1974 budget so no assessment will be made against the Town of Rumford or Mexico Sewerage District for the district's operating budget for 1974.

Respectfully submitted,

HAYDEN S. ROGERS

Chairman

Report of Sealer of Weights and Measures

To the citizens of the Town of Mexico:

I hereby submit my report as sealer of weights and measures for the year 1973.

I have tested and found to be correct:

13 Scales
35 Gasoline Pumps
3 Kerosene Pumps
1 Diesel Pump

Respectfully submitted,

FRED E. THERIAULT

Report of Building Inspector

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of the Town of Mexico:

During 1973 building permits were issued. A comparison of the 1972 and 1973 permits is as follows:

	1972	1973
Houses	2	7
Places of Business	0	2
Additions	3	9
Garages	8	6
Miscellaneous	4	7
Remodeling	0	14
Swimming Pools	0	2
Other Inspections and Permits	0	18
Total	<u>17</u>	<u>65</u>

Outwardly it would appear that there was a substantial increase in building activity, however a more substantial increase would have been shown, if ALL building activities would have been recorded. It must be noted here that due to the lack of funds it was not possible to make discovery, but this also should not be necessary.

It must be recognized that State and National Codes and Standards are to be enforced at the local level in addition to Municipal Codes Ordinances and Standards. Therefore, I respectfully submit that discovery made by the Tax Assessors and reported to the Building Inspector shall be billed in accordance with Section 5 of the Mexico Building Codes effective January 1, 1925, Rev. March 5, 1951.

ROLAND C. PATNEAUDE

Building Inspector

Report of Town Electrician

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of the Town of Mexico I submit my report for the year 1973.

All the Fire Alarm Boxes were cleaned, painted and tested. All school building alarm systems were checked and tested. Line work was done on Granite Street, Mexico Avenue, and South Main Street. The Whistle House on the Oxford Mill Roof was painted along with the guard rails on the River Line crossing to the Oxford Mill. Insurance men were present to check several buildings and the schools. 2000 feet of new line wire was put up. The Fire Alarm system is in very good condition although some of it is around 35 years old.

R. W. BUTTERFIELD,

Town Electrician

Report of Auditor

Board of Selectmen
Town of Mexico
Mexico, Maine

Gentlemen:

In accordance with Title 30, Section 5253, Maine Revised Statutes Annotated of 1964, as amended, an audit has been conducted of the financial records of the Town of Mexico for the year ended Dec. 31, 1973.

The examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and accordingly included such tests of accounting records and other such auditing procedures as were considered necessary in the circumstance.

In my opinion, the Exhibits and Schedules incorporated in this report present fairly the financial position of the Town of Mexico as of December 31, 1973, and the results of its operations for the period so indicated.

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD L. JORDAN,

Auditor

AUDITOR'S COMMENTS

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1973

The Tax Collector does not accept the Commitment Book without an adding machine tape from the assessors. Assessors should prove Commitment book to Valuation Book at time of issue.

Tax Collector should be bonded.

Adjustments should be made at time of sale of Town Owned Property to keep the right balance in all accounts. When selling town owned property, all outstanding liens, taxes receivable, plus town owned property should be taken into consideration.

The audit of the financial records of the Town of Mexico has been completed for the year ending December 31, 1973. Cash accounts were verified by reconciliation of Bank Statements. Clerks records, Bond and Insurance coverages were examined. All Reserve and Trust Funds were also examined.

Warrant, Receipt and Distribution Cards all should show the number of the account.

Balance Sheet shows a cash account balance of \$109,747.89; Accounts Receivable, \$21,040.70, which includes alleged burglary from State Auditor's Report of 1970.

TOWN OF MEXICO
CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS
December 31, 1973

	Total	Fire Truck	Reed Field	Gravel Pit	Highway Garage	Fire Alarm	Traffic Lights
Balances 1-1-73	\$77,011.01	\$19,708.17	\$14,024.32	\$1,223.35	\$33,424.10	\$4,319.32	\$4,311.75
Interest Earned	2,970.56		761.21	57.70	1,710.05	220.99	220.61
Minus Closed Out Acct.	(54,842.32)	(19,708.17)			(35,134.15)		
	\$25,139.25	- 0 -	\$14,785.53	\$1,281.05	- 0 -	\$4,540.31	\$4,532.36

TOWN OF MEXICO
TRUST FUNDS

Year Ended December 31, 1973

	Principal	Interest
Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund		
Farrington, Henry - Me. National Bank Book #21-0-033015	\$200.00	\$6.86
Gleason, Elizabeth - Me. National Bank Book #21-0-0334-9	100.00	243.02
Johnson, Arthur - Me. National Bank Book #21-0-033007	50.00	1.71
Burse, Nellie - Me. National Bank Book #21-0-03305-6	100.00	219.57

COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET
Year Ended December 31, 1973

ASSETS

Cash - Checking Account	\$72,992.34	\$109,747.89	
Change Fund	100.00	100.00	
	\$73,092.34		\$109,847.89
Accounts Receivable	21,113.39		
Less Reserve for Losses	2,043.77		
	19,069.62		18,996.93
State Revenue Sharing	13,058.82		-0-
Taxes Receivable	46,628.88		42,618.90
Tax Acquired Property	7,528.84		6,243.48
Tax Liens	11,903.98		10,651.65
	\$171,282.48		\$188,358.85

LIABILITIES, RESERVE & SURPLUS**Liabilities**

Accounts Payable	194.83	- 0 -
Due Government Agencies	4,609.50	- 0 -
Suspense Account	82.30	- 0 -
Fire Truck	19,708.17	- 0 -

Reserves

Departmental Balance Carried		137,556.93
Prepaid Taxes		245.00
Reserve Fund		
State Revenue Sharing		1,669.15

Surplus

Unappropriated	44,175.12	58,943.31	47,887.77
Fire Alarm System	6.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Recreation Investment	2.25	3,000.00	
	39,561.00		
	\$171,282.49		\$188,358.85

DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS

Year Ended December 31, 1973

	Balance 1/1/73	Appropri- ations	Transfer Credits	Total Available	Warrants	Transfers	Lapsed	Balances Carried
GENERAL GOVERNMENT								
Town Officers' Salaries		16,823.00	3,785.50	20,608.50	22,428.00		(1,819.50)	
Town Office Maintenance		4,082.00	810.00	4,892.00	4,470.89		421.11	
Finance and Audit		800.00		800.00	910.00		(110.00)	
Elections		630.00	15.00	645.00	865.92		(220.92)	
Town Reports		950.00		950.00	799.10		150.90	
General Government		9,853.00	7,641.17	17,494.17	13,576.27	17.86	3,900.04	
Gen. Gov't Supplen't V	(1,873.52)		31,956.70	30,083.18	33,520.83	1,050.10		(4,487.75)
Payroll Account			201,441.29	201,441.29		201,441.29		
Gen. Gov't Supplen't IV	(955.96)		21,213.17	20,257.21	22,197.59	789.75		(2,730.13)
Accounts Payable						194.83	(194.83)	
PROTECTION								
Fire Department			29,100.00	29,100.00	25,645.03			#3,454.97
Police Department			36,441.00	36,441.00	28,707.90			#7,773.10
Street Lights		12,400.00		12,400.00	11,466.23		933.77	
Hydrant Rental			20,150.00	20,150.00	18,320.00			#1,830.00
Civil Defense	(29.39)	450.00	333.33	753.94	892.62			(138.68)
Group Insurance	46.01		1,720.83	1,766.84	1,728.65			38.19
Ambulance		2,500.00		2,500.00	2,500.00			
Police Court Fee			1,070.00	1,070.00				
Fire Truck Purchase		8,500.00	19,938.17	28,438.17	26,184.00		1,070.00	2,254.17

Police Anticipation Rev.	1,300.00	668.42	1,968.42		668.42	1,300.00
Dog Fund		10.00	10.00	9.90	.10	
Fire Anticipation Revenue	963.63	25.00	988.63		988.63	

HEALTH AND SANITATION

Health Officers and Supply	1,425.00	250.00	1,675.00	796.60	878.40	
Andros. Home Health	1,300.00		1,300.00	1,300.00		
Garbage Collections	13,471.25		13,471.25	13,471.25		
Oxf. County Mental Health	3,000.00		3,000.00	3,000.00		
Incinerator	6,200.00		6,200.00	6,200.00		

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES

Winter Roads		58,597.00	58,597.00	55,680.71	3,558.48	(642.19)
Summer Roads	3,791.00	350.86	4,141.86	1,759.41	7,981.94	(5,599.49)
Maint. Highway Garage	1,536.00		1,536.00	1,790.84		(254.84)
Tarring, Skinny Mix	15,000.00		15,000.00	13,884.28	1,115.72	
Sidewalks	3,000.00		3,000.00	3,000.00		
State Aid Roads	11,280.00		18,444.00			18,444.00
Town Road Improv.	2,073.72		2,073.72	258.72	1,815.00	
Granite Street Const.	11,795.96		11,795.96	11,795.96		
Tree Removal and Plant	3,000.00	75.00	3,075.00	897.50	2,177.50	
Spring Clean-Up	1,000.00		1,000.00	1,062.47	(62.47)	
Third St. Wall	1,500.00		1,500.00			1,500.00
New Construction	10,000.00		10,000.00	10,000.00		
Highway Garage Fund	30,000.00	66,229.30	96,229.30	49,077.64	10,675.20	36,476.46
Hale Bridge		24,000.00	24,000.00	10,752.50		13,247.50

	Balance 1/1/73	Appropri- ations	Transfer Credits	Total Available	Warrants	Transfers	Lapsed	Balances Carried
Summer Road, Federal Gravel Pit Fund			26,595.06 12,177.45	26,595.06 12,177.45	26,047.49 10,675.20	547.57		1,502.25
WELFARE								
Local Welfare		11,000.00	16.76	11,016.76	5,728.44	5,288.32		
Donated Commodities		2,100.00		2,100.00	1,844.34		255.66	
Other Town Poor			1,386.58	1,571.13	1,362.10	209.03		
State Welfare	184.55		4,202.45	2,665.20	2,665.20			
Welfare 1-3-73	(1,537.25)		5,830.54	5,830.54	1,945.69			
1972 Fed. Revenue Sharing			147,144.00	147,144.00	13,144.00	134,000.00	3,884.85	
1973 Fed. Revenue Sharing			13,144.00	13,144.00	13,144.00			
EDUCATION								
Skating Rink		1,400.00	6.56	1,406.56	416.61		989.95	
Swimming Program		600.00		600.00	600.00			
Public Library		7,000.00	200.00	7,200.00	7,000.00			200.00
Parks		300.00		300.00	298.75		1.25	
Mexico Recreation Dept.			1,000.00	1,000.00	278.69			721.31
Recreation Reserve Fund			3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	1,000.00		(1,000.00)
DEBT SERVICE								
Suspense Account	82.30			82.30			82.30	
Accounts Receivable	21,113.39		9,562.97	30,676.36	8,107.75	1,527.91		21,040.70
Interest, Temporary Loan		1,500.00		1,500.00	652.82			
Temporary Loan			70,000.00	70,000.00	70,000.00		847.18	

SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS

S.A.D. #43	252,415.86	252,415.86	252,415.84	.02	
County Tax	8,676.00	8,676.00	8,676.00		
Overlay	14,891.59	14,891.59		1,472.71	13,418.88
Overdrawn Acct. (Casco Bank)		10.20	10.20		
1974 Excise Taxes		5,718.77			5,718.77
Trust Funds		23.52	23.52		
1973 Excise Taxes		51,221.45	51,221.45	47,000.00	4,192.99

UNCLASSIFIED

Cemeteries Maintenance	300.00	300.00	300.00		
State Revenue Sharing	(35,713.73)	(35,713.73)		(35,713.73)	
Athletic Field	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,504.22		(4.22)
Social Security	2,600.31	7,000.00	21,756.40	137.34	4,629.17
Me. State Retirement	1,068.10	6,000.00	19,449.41	81.96	5,289.43
Pension Fund		1,500.00	1,500.00		
Chamber of Commerce		1,500.00	1,500.00		
Contingent		700.00	710.00	2.15	16.53
Planning Board		1,000.00	1,000.00	53.00	315.70
Andros. Reg. Planning		529.00	582.00		
Me. Municipal Assoc.		602.83	602.83		
Equipment Acct.	15,674.68		71,832.39		21,712.56
Refund Taxes			719.10	(719.10)	
State Income Tax	149.35		1,605.00		147.70
Federal Income Tax	1,859.84		21,021.76		1,874.80

	Balance 1/1/73	Appropri- ations	Transfer Credits	Total Available	Warrants	Transfers	Balances Lapsed	Carried
Rumford Comm. Hospital								
Insurance, Blue Cross	(315.41)	2,500.00	4,232.20	2,500.00	2,500.00	110.28	1,084.11	700.00
Insurance		5,218.80	39.00	9,135.59	7,241.20		(3,040.80)	
H & A Insurance		5,781.20	227.94	5,820.20	8,861.00			5.58
Mexico Sewer District			5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00			
Hope Training School			11,439.00	11,439.00	11,439.00			
Plumbing Permits			5.00	5.00	1.67			3.33
Traffic Lights	3,000.00			3,000.00	6,910.50			(3,910.50)
TOTALS	\$69,980.31	455,176.80	999,380.87	1,524,537.98	979,014.41	383,637.61	24,329.03	137,556.93

Federal Revenue Sharing

#Balance —	
Fire Dept	\$1,454.97
Police Dept.	5,733.10
Hydrant Rental	1,830.00

	\$9,018.07

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STATEMENT OF CHANGE IN UNAPPROPRIATED SURPLUS

Year Ended December 31, 1973

BALANCE as of December 31, 1972		\$58,943.31
INCREASE		

Supplements	\$35.00	
Departmental Balances	2,110.00	
Recreation Reserve Fund	3,000.00	

		5,146.30

		64,089.61
DECREASE		

Vote Town Meeting	\$14,500.00	
Town Owned Property	807.96	
Liens	893.93	

		16,201.89

BALANCE AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1973		\$47,887.72

ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

December 31, 1973

R. & M. Solid Waste	\$46.55
Sewer District	65.75
Water District	956.73
Glenda Whithouse (Sewerage)	93.68
Deficiencies of 1970 State Audit	19,877.99

TOTAL	\$21,040.70

TAX COLLECTOR LIMITED AUDIT

January 1, 1973 to March 4, 1973

Tax Collector Receipts for Above Date - David King

Supplement Taxes	\$136.40
1973 Taxes	1,278.00
Interest on Taxes	226.95
1972 Taxes	8,464.76
Excise Taxes	33,084.60
Interest on Savings Account	290.40
1971 Taxes	3.00
1972 Taxes	309.00

	\$43,793.11

The above receipts are included with complete audit of 1973.

Warrant for Annual Town Meeting

STATE OF MAINE

COUNTY OF OXFORD, SS

TO: John J. Bernard, Jr., a Constable in the Town of Mexico in said County of Oxford.

GREETINGS:

In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby required to notify and warn the voters of the Town of Mexico, in said County, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to assemble at the Mexico Municipal Building in said Town on Monday, the 11th day of March, A. D. 1974 at ten o'clock in the forenoon, Eastern Daylight Savings Time, then and there to act on the following articles, to wit:

ARTICLE 1: To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town will vote to accept the report of the Municipal Officers for the year ending December 31, 1973.

ARTICLE 3: To elect such Town Officers as are required to be elected by Australian Ballot as voted at the Special Town Meeting of July 24, 1924 and amended at the Special Town Meeting of February 4, 1953. (The polls for voting on Town Officers will be opened at 10 o'clock in the forenoon and will close at 7 o'clock in the evening. The meeting will then adjourn until 7:30 P. M. and reconvene at the Mexico Junior High School to act on the remainder of the warrant.)

ARTICLE 4: To see what action the Town will take with respect to 1973 and 1974 Federal Revenue Sharing monies received by the Town.

Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend: Appropriate 1973 and 1974 Federal Revenue Sharing monies for:

	Selectmen Recommend:	Budget Committee Recommend:
Police Department Operation	\$41,270.00	\$37,408.00
Fire Department Operation	30,315.80	30,315.80

Androscoggin Home		
Health	1,300.00	1,300.00
Summer Roads, Payroll,		
Equipment, and		
supplies	15,000.00	15,000.00
Rumford Community		
Hospital	2,500.00	2,500.00
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Totals:	\$90,385.80	\$86,523.80

ARTICLE 5: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for ADMINISTRATION for the ensuing year as follows:

Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend:

1. General Government	\$20,054.00
2. Town Officer's Salaries	24,064.00
3. Town Office Maintenance	5,532.00
4. Finance and Audit	900.00
5. Elections	1,530.00
6. Town Reports	950.00
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	\$53,030.00
Less Anticipated Revenue	7,000.00
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Raise by Taxation	46,030.00

ARTICLE 6: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for PROTECTION for the ensuing year as follows:

	Selectmen Recommend:	Budget Committee Recommend:
1. Police Department	\$42,770.00	\$38,908.00
2. Fire Department	30,315.00	30,315.80
3. Civil Defense	850.00	850.00
4. Street Lights	13,500.00	13,500.00
5. Hydrant Rental	24,500.00	24,500.00
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	\$111,935.80	\$108,073.80

Less Anticipated Revenue	1,300.00	1,300.00
Less Federal Rev. Sharing	71,585.80	67,723.80
Transfer from Surplus	25,000.00	25,000.00
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Raise by Taxation	\$14,050.00	\$14,050.00

ARTICLE 7: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for HEALTH AND WELFARE for the ensuing year as follows:

Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend:

1. General Health and Welfare	\$4,130.00
2. Androscoggin Home Health	1,300.00
3. Waste Collection	12,800.00
4. Welfare-Town	10,000.00
5. Donated Commodities	2,100.00
6. Incinerator	6,200.00
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	\$35,230.00
Less Federal Revenue Sharing	1,300.00
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Raise by Taxation	\$33,930.00

ARTICLE 8: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for PUBLIC WORKS for the ensuing year as follows:

Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend:

1. Highway Garage Maintenance	\$2,000.00
2. Highway General	32,164.00
3. Summer Roads	32,600.00
4. Winter Roads	61,000.00
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	127,764.00
Less Transfer from 1974 Excise	50,000.00
Less Transfer from Surplus	11,000.00
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	66,764.00
Less Federal Revenue Sharing	15,000.00
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Raise by Taxation	51,764.00

ARTICLE 9: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for RECREATION for the ensuing year as follows:

Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend:	
1. Skating Rink	\$1,400.00
2. Swimming Program	600.00
3. Library	7,500.00
4. Athletic Field	1,500.00
5. Recreation Department	4,278.69
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	\$15,278.69
Transfer from recreation Reserve Fund	4,278.69
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Raise by Taxation	\$11,000.00

ARTICLE 10: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for PARKS and CEMETERIES for the ensuing year as follows:

Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend:	
1. Parks	\$300.00
2. Cemeteries	300.00
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Raise by Taxation	\$600.00

ARTICLE 11: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate for UNCLASSIFIED ITEMS for the ensuing year as follows:

Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend:	
1. Maine Municipal Association	\$360.60
2. Social Security	7,700.00
3. Pension	1,500.00
4. Maine State Retirement System	6,200.00
5. Contingent	1,500.00
6. Chamber of Commerce	1,500.00
7. Rumford Community Hospital	2,500.00
8. Planning	1,000.00
9. Blue Cross	8,000.00
10. Town Insurance	12,000.00
11. Interest on Loans	2,500.00

12. A.V.R.P.C.	529.00
13. Spring Cleanup	1,500.00
14. Third Street Wall	1,000.00
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	\$47,789.60
Less Federal Revenue Sharing	2,500.00
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Raise by Taxation	\$45,289.60

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$30,000.00 to pay for the bond taken out on December 31, 1973 for the new Highway Garage.

Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend: Yes.

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to trade truck #2 for another of comparable size and to transfer from the Equipment Account the necessary amount of money for same.

Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend: Yes.

ARTICLE 14: To see what action the Town will vote to take with respect to allowing discounts on taxes and to see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate to defray such costs.

Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend: 2 per cent on all taxes paid by April 15, 1974 with necessary funds to be taken from the Overlay Account.

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will fix a date when taxes for the year 1974 shall be due and payable and to see what action the town will vote to take with respect to interest on unpaid taxes.

Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend: Taxes shall be due and payable upon presentation. 8 percent per anum interest shall be charged on all taxes not paid before November 1, 1974, said interest to be calculated retroactively to October 1, 1974.

ARTICLE 16: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen in behalf of the Town to sell, dispose of, or lease any real estate acquired by the Town for non payment of taxes thereon, on such

terms as they may deem advisable, and to execute quit-claim deeds for such property.

Selectmen and Budget Committee Reccomend: Yes.

ARTICLE 17: To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to appoint all other officers not required to be elected by ballot as voted at the Special Town Meeting of July 24, 1924 and amended at the Special Town Meeting of February 4, 1953.

Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend: Yes.

ARTICLE 18: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to obtain a vehicle to be used to plow sidewalks in the town, and to transfer from the Equipment Account the necessary amount of money for same, said amount not to exceed \$9,000.00.

Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend: Yes.

ARTICLE 19: To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to purchase a sand screen and to transfer from the Equipment Account the necessary amount of money for same, said amount not to exceed \$12,000.00.

Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend: Yes.

ARTICLE 20: To see what sum of money the town will vote to appropriate and raise by assessment to be expended under the direction of the State of Maine Publicity Bureau for the purpose of advertising the natural resources and attractions of the area of those of the state. This is in accordance with Title 30, Section 5106 M.R.S.A. of 1964 as amended. Amount requested \$258.70.

**Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend: Pass
over article.**

ARTICLE 21: To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to transfer \$1,281.05 plus interest from the Compass Savings Plan, Gravel Pit Fund to the Equipment Account.

Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend: Yes.

ARTICLE 22: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to transfer from the Compass Savings Plan, for the Traffic Light Fund the amount of \$4,532.36 plus interest to the Traffic Light Account.

Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend: Yes.

ARTICLE 23: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$3,000.00 by request of the Oxford County Mental Health from Federal Revenue Sharing Trust Fund.

Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend:
\$2,000.00 from the Federal Revenue Sharing Trust Fund.

ARTICLE 24: To see if the Town will vote to raise and/or appropriate \$2,200.00 by request of the Office of Economic Opportunity.

Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend: Pass over article.

ARTICLE 25: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$3,750.00 by request of Joseph Dubois for the Ambulance Service from the Federal Revenue Sharing Trust Fund.

Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend:
\$2,500.00 from the Federal Revenue Sharing Trust Fund.

ARTICLE 26: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the snowmobile registration refund, as follows:

1. The payment received annually by the Town of Mexico from the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Game from Snowmobile registrations paid by Mexico residents shall be known as the Mexico Snowmobile Recreation Fund and shall be used exclusively for the construction, development, maintenance and improvement of snowmobile trails, shelters, maintenance and rescue equipment, leases of real and personal property and other purposes reasonably adapted to the improvement and safety of snowmobiling for the public within the Town of Mexico.

2. The Polar Bear Snowmobile Club of Mexico, Maine, being a non-profit corporation, is designated the agent for the administration of the Mexico Snowmobile Recreation Fund, under the supervision of the municipal officers. On May first, annually, any unexpended funds in the Mexico Snowmobile Recreation Fund shall revert to the regular surplus funds of the Town of Mexico for general purposes.

Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend: Pass over article.

ARTICLE 27. To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 5, Part B, of the Dog Ordinance as follows:

(B) Board in the amount of \$3.00 per day for each dog.

Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend: Yes.

ARTICLE 28: To see if the Town will vote to extend the provisions of Chapter 542 Public Law of 1973 which amended the Maine State Retirement System Law to its employees.

Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend: Yes.

ARTICLE 29: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell two parcels of land out of the Virgin Gravel Pit now owned by the Town of Mexico on terms as they may deem advisable to the following individuals: 1st portion to Bruce Holmes 50' x 125' and the 2nd portion to Joseph Gallant 50' x 375'.

Selectmen Recommend: Yes.

Budget Committee Recommend: Pass over Article 29.

ARTICLE 30: To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to name accepted town roads presently without names.

Selectmen and Budget Committee Recommend: Yes.

The Board of Voter Registration hereby gives notice that they will be in session at the Town Office, Mexico, Maine for the purpose of correcting the list of voters in said Town on Monday, March 4, from six until nine o'clock in the evening; and that new registrations will also be accepted on Election Day.

Hereof fail not and have you there this warrant with your doings thereon. Given unto our hands at said Mexico, Maine the 18th day of February, A. D. 1974.

FRANCIS J. PERRY, Chairman
ROBERT J. REMEIKA
OMER F. BOUTHOT

Selectmen of Mexico, Maine

NOTICE

Taxpayers of the Town of Mexico

List of property, both real and personal NOT exempt from taxation, of which you were possessed on APRIL 1, 1974, must be submitted to the Assessor's Office on or before April 1, 1974 for the taxable year of 1974.

The submission of this schedule will be accepted by the ASSESSOR as substantial compliance with Title 36, Section 706, M.R.S., but there is no guarantee that it will be accepted as a "true and perfect list", should the taxpayer appeal the valuation assigned by the ASSESSOR.

Any VETERAN who is entitled to an exemption under Title 36, Section 653, M.R.S. and has NOT PREVIOUSLY APPLIED for that exemption MUST apply to the ASSESSOR PRIOR TO APRIL 1, 1974 for the taxable year of 1974.

Any VETERAN'S WIDOW OR MINOR CHILD who may be entitled to an exemption and who has NOT PREVIOUSLY APPLIED for that exemption under Title 36, Section 653, SHOULD apply prior to April 1, 1974 for that taxable year.

TIMOTHY KELCOURSE
THEODORE GOTTO
ARTHUR BORDEAU

Assessors, Town of Mexico

Assessors hereby give notice that they will be in session at the Mexico Town Office on the 1st day of April from 2:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. for the purpose above stated.

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